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- Economic stability replaces boom and bust cycles
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We Propose Reinstating the Greenback—100% public US$ in paper, coin, and digital form—so that:

- All Americans can afford housing, health care, nutrition, and education
- The nation can afford public infrastructure and environmental protection
- Our economy achieves fair prices and living wages for all
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