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## Star Tribune Editorial

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### Letters from readers

#### Unmarried taxpayers

The May 4 front-page article "Singles push for tax rights" deserves clarification.

First, the American Association for Single People is not a "lobby" but a nonprofit and nonpartisan educational organization. As such, we are not allowed to lobby for specific legislation. Rather, we bring the attention of the public and of lawmakers to areas of unfairness.

Second, AASP is not antifamily. We all come from families and many of us are single parents. However, we are fed up with politicians constantly pushing a "family" agenda but never once mentioning or including single people in the debates over reforms in the income tax, death tax and Social Security tax.

We would like to see more balance in the political debates over tax reform, with unmarried taxpayers included in the conversation, especially considering that 40 percent of the work force is unmarried. Families and unmarried taxpayers all deserve a tax break.

— *Thomas F. Coleman, executive director, AASP, Glendale, Calif.*

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## Unmarried Americans

A front page story in last Friday's paper reported that the American Association for Single People was in Washington, D.C. fighting for your rights. (*Singles Being Dismissed in Tax Debate.*) While we were in the Capitol, we walked into the offices of all 535 members of Congress to discuss the unfair taxation of single and unmarried Americans. We spoke with Senators and Representatives from both parties. We also met with the President's staff.

**Stand up for your rights.** AASP can make a difference, but only if we have a large membership base. Just as AARP is an effective voice for seniors, AASP can become a powerful voice for America's 82 million unmarried adults, regardless of age, religion, race, sexual orientation, gender, or political affiliation. We need your support!

**We want major reform.** We want government agencies and private companies to treat you fairly in employment, housing, insurance, credit, and taxation. We want to end discrimination against you and all other unmarried adults, whether you live alone, have a partner, are a single parent, or live with relatives. There is strength in unity. Join us! You will receive newsletters keeping you advised of our progress.

I want to join.

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