

# Unmarried America



**the promise of equality applies to everyone regardless of marital status**

April 15, 2003

Honorable Betty McCollum  
1029 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-2304

Re: An invitation from Unmarried America

Dear Representative McCollum:

The American Association for Single People invites you to become more familiar with the needs and concerns of unmarried and single Americans, and to show that you support fair treatment of all of your constituents regardless of their marital status.

We are extending this invitation to you on April 15 -- tax deadline day -- a time which carries considerable symbolism for 86 million unmarried taxpayers and voters in the United States.

We thought that you would be very receptive to this invitation because, according to the most recent figures from the U.S. Census Bureau, the majority of households in your district are headed by unmarried adults. You are one of 139 member of Congress (26 Senators and 113 Representatives) who represent areas where most households fall into the unmarried category.

You can accept the first part of this invitation by reading the enclosed fact sheet about the unfair taxation of unmarried Americans and by asking your staff to develop proposals to correct one or more of these unjust tax laws. You and your staff can access this information on the Internet by visiting two areas of our website: [www.usacongress.info](http://www.usacongress.info) and [www.unmarriedtaxpayers.info](http://www.unmarriedtaxpayers.info). We are sure that your unmarried constituents will be grateful that you are willing to focus some of your resources on tax issues which adversely affect them.

Secondly, we would like to invite you to become an honorary member of AASP -- regardless of your personal marital status -- as a way of showing your support for the majority of households in your district which are headed by unmarried constituents. Many of the federal, state, and local elected officials who are honorary members of AASP are married, while others are single, divorced, widowed, or have a domestic partner. Honorary membership does not imply that you would support any specific piece of legislation. However, it does show that you agree that the promise of equality applies to everyone regardless of marital status.

We are also enclosing a recent newsletter as well as a special brochure which invites elected officials to become [honorary members](#) of our nonprofit and nonpartisan organization.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will accept both parts of this invitation. To accept an honorary membership in AASP, just send us a letter or an e-mail message, or return the coupon on the back page of the invitation brochure by postal mail or fax.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Coleman  
Executive Director