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Dear Member,

We are pleased to send you the quarterly mailing for July - Sept. 2004. Once you review these materials, you will find several opportunities for action. Please take the time to get involved.

Some of these materials pertain to Unmarried and Single Americans Week which is commemorated this year during September 19 - 25. Each year we give awards to individuals and organizations who have done something to significantly improve the lives of unmarried Americans. These awards will be announced in September.

If you are an elected official, please take the time to issue a proclamation or greeting to recognize Unmarried and Single Americans Week. For others, please send a letter to your governor, mayor, city council, U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative asking them to send us a proclamation or greeting which we can post on our website. Sample letters of request and sample language for proclamations and greetings are included on our website (see enclosed flier on this subject).

There are other items on the enclosed "Action Alert" sheet in the enclosed packet, including information on a bill pending in the U.S. Senate to put permanent "marriage bonuses" in our income tax laws. Please review this information and then send a message to the two Senators from your state letting them know how you feel about the impact of this on the growing deficit and how single people will wind up paying a "singles penalty" to foot the bill for these bonuses to married couples.

We continue to play an important role in monitoring current events and reporting news on our website so that our members can stay aware of political and economic issues and trends which will affect their lives. We also provide commentary and quotes for newspaper reporters, talk radio hosts, and television producers who ask for our views on such issues. Staying visible and vocal is a full time effort of Unmarried America.

For example, since our last mailing was sent to you at the end of March, we have been quoted in the following newspapers: Wall Street Journal, Village Voice in NYC, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily News, Times Reporter in Ohio, Philadelphia Inquirer, News Observer in North Carolina, and City Business in New Orleans. We also appeared on the Kojo Nnamdi radio show in Washington, D.C. and KCET Public Television in Los Angeles. We are fulfilling our mission to educate the public about the needs and concerns of unmarried and single Americans.

If this letter has a renewal label at the top, then it has been one year since your last financial contribution to Unmarried America. Please renew today by filling out the renewal form and returning it to us in the business reply envelope. Or you can renew by making a donation through our website.

We extend our gratitude to members who gave generous donations in response to the fundraising plea in our last mailing. Many members who were not up for renewal gave donations too. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Coleman
Executive Director