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To: Republican Members of Congress

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Re: Many of your constituents are unmarried.
AASP is a source for information about their needs.

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Many of your constituents are unmarried. Some live alone, others have a roommate or domestic partner, many are single parents, and still others live with unmarried relatives.

There are 80 million unmarried adults in the United States. In many cities, the *majority* of adults are unmarried. But despite these numbers, marital status discrimination remains a pervasive problem.

Single people are discriminated against in employment, housing, insurance, taxes, credit, and by many government programs. Some states have laws against such discrimination but they are either too weak or are not vigorously enforced. Federal law generally does not protect single people.

When members of Congress are reviewing pending bills, they often consider their impact on women, children, families, consumers, racial and ethnic minorities, seniors, and others. But single people – who up until recently have been a “silent near-majority” – are usually not on the political radar screen.

Many Democratic and Republican elected officials are only now beginning to think about, and sometimes discuss, the needs and concerns of unmarried Americans. But when critical data is needed, legislators and staff members are often not aware of where they can obtain such information.

Please consider AASP to be a resource for vital information about single people. Our website is the most authoritative source of information about single people on the entire Internet. Visit our website – unmarriedAmerica.com – to learn more about single people and their concerns.

Also, I am enclosing a newsletter published recently by our legislative affiliate. It focuses on single people and the Republican Party. As a Republican, you should find it very informative.

Finally, please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you or your staff.

Yours truly,

Thomas F. Coleman
Executive Director
