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Letter to the Editor: Death Tax

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Death tax impact

David Sarasohn's column on the death tax is a perfect opportunity for me to teach my children about the logical fallacy known as a "straw man" ("On estate tax, Senate stages its own death scene," April 17).

Sarasohn tries to minimize the destructive impact of the death tax on family-owned businesses using the definition of such a business as one which has only \$7 million in assets. Using this definition, he can argue that only 100 businesses in America are impacted.

Yet many family-owned businesses such as mine are valued well in excess of \$7 million. Many family businesses such as mine have created thousands of jobs. Our death tax liability is a concern for the entire local community.

The death tax is no straw man for America's family business owners and employees.

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