

## ACS support

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To whom it may concern:

First, thank you very much to listening to our feedback about retaining the field of degree and marital history questions for the ACS! It's unfortunate that there will no longer be three year estimates available, but I understand that there's only so much you can do when the federal legislature cuts your funding.

It's very concerning that while the rest of the data world is expanding and becoming more hyper local than ever, Census data seems to be getting more restricted than ever. Now that those questions are being retained, I hope that we can convince you that they need to be every year instead of intermittently to a subset of the population, as recent information suggests may happen. Consistent and regularly available ACS data is crucial helping us understand and reach out to our residents as a local government. It's a key tool not only for our service delivery but also for applying for state and federal grants that we need to extend our work.

I urge you to continue to collect as much information on as frequent a schedule as possible. Please let us as your data consumers know how we can help you to build public support and ultimately secure the funding you need to continue collecting and providing this critical information.

Sincerely,

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