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Good morning,

I am writing because the IPUMS project has brought it to my attention of the plan to drop the “number of times married” item from the ACS. This is a vital characteristic for understanding family dynamics and it would be a great loss to demographers. I would please implore you and your department to reconsider dropping this variable from the survey.

Thank you for your consideration,

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