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To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject: Marital Order Question
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Dear Mr. Harris-Kojetin,

I understand that the Census Bureau is considering dropping the question from the ACS on number of times married, and is asking for public input. Please use your influence to oppose this change. The ACS is the most reliable source of info these days on family stability and instability, which is one of the most pressing concerns in our society (whatever end of the ideological spectrum we are on). Removal of this question would leave researchers virtually unable to ask most questions dealing with family stability at the very time that answers to such questions are most needed. Thanks for your consideration.

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