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Dr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

I am writing because I feel strongly that the "number of times married" question in the American Community Survey is of great importance to economic research as well as to studies on marriage and family life in the United States. At a time when the very meaning of the word "family" is at the center of national attention, it seems very strange to drop a key question such as this from the survey. I understand that budgetary concerns make it essential to streamline surveying processes in any way possible and that it may be necessary to cut some questions from the survey; however, I feel that if any question should remain on the ACS, it is this. It is my hope that the Census Bureau will reconsider the omission of this important question from the ACS.

Sincerely,

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