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Hi. I am writing to support prof.Steven ruggles in his effort to lobby Census Bureau to keep the marriage survey question intact.

I also used the marriage question in my research. This is an important asset to people who study sociology, economics, etc. Marriage is an important variable when designing public policies as well. It is not an invasive question - marriages are publicly known and furthermore, the census is anonymous. Without the marriage question, we won't know how our population responds differently to events based on marriage. At this important time for marriage equality, the debates about the effects of marriage shouldn't be deprived of this data set .

Thanks for your time,
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