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To:	Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject:	Don"t drop the "number of times married" question from the American Community Survey!
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Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

I heard today that you plan to drop the question about "number of times married" from the American Community Survey. To do so would be a great loss for those who study family demography. The ACS is the only reliable source currently available for divorce statistics, and it helps researchers to understand marital stability and family dynamics.

This is a turbulent time for American society, and understanding how our changing culture affects marriage and family behavior is critical to being able to support our nation's growing and changing population.

Please don't remove the "number of times married" question from the ACS.

Best regards,
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