From: WM Gordon
To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject: Marriage Question on ACS
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Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin;
I am writing to ask you to reconsider the decision to drop the "number of times married" from the American Community Survey. I do not study modern demography, myself (my area of study is Victorian Scotland), but my ability to research is based entirely on the data collection decisions made by organizations in the past. Invariably, more nuanced detail regarding family structures permits me to made more accurate conclusions about family composition and social structures, and to better understand how people lived in the past. By retaining the "number of times married" question you will enable future researchers to understand the social world we live in, and to make accurate conclusions about their own time.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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