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Dear Mr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,
I am writing in reaction to the news that the Census is dropping the question of the number of times married from the list of survey questionnaire.

Please do not drop the question of number of times married!!
This is a critical question needed to study the shifting state of marriage in the USA and challenges that it poses for men, women, and CHILDREN. Research can inform and enlighten social policy to support our nation's long run health, but not if we behave like ostriches and ignore the big changes in marital patterns and family formation.

I hope colleagues who rely on the Census for their research will also voice their dismay at this proposed cut.

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