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Mr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

I am writing to contribute my perspective to the discussion on the proposed changes to the American Community Survey. As a sociologist, I am very concerned that the integrity of our knowledge about the social world is being threatened. By removing key questions on the survey, such as number of times married, we choose the path of ignorance to one of reliable knowledge grounded in good empirical evidence.The work that social scientists do using this survey increases our knowledge about the social world, informs policy discussions, and gives us the best sense of who Americans are and how they are changing as a group over time.

Please do not undermine social science. Do not remove questions from the ACS.

Sincerely,
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