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Dear Mr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the American Community Survey. I conduct research on neighborhood change, community interventions, inequality, and migration in small areas. The ACS is the only source of data for small areas such as neighborhoods. These data are essential to understanding how to intervene in neighborhoods to preserve the well-being of families and communities. We do need more accurate information on vacant housing. Likewise, we need to know how many times people are married because it is used to track community quality of life. It is needed to accurately calculate marriage and divorce rates, which are key to understanding population projections.

Sincerely,

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