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To:	Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject:	Proposed revision of American Community Survey
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Hello Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

I write you to express concern regarding removing the "Number of Times Married" question from the 2014 American Community Survey (ACS). I believe ACS to be a unique vehicle to capture this very important data regarding divorce statistics. The data supplied by the ACS has proved to be very beneficial in my prior research efforts on matters relating to marriage and divorce. Further, it appears to be a nearly intractable problem to accurately derive this data elsewhere, particularly when desiring to correlate the data to other ACS questions. Finally, preserving this question partly supports the stated goals of ACS as articulated in the proposed revision. I therefore respectfully request the ACS continues to collect data on marriage and divorce.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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