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To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
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Dr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

I wish to submit comments relating to the American Community Survey.

It makes sense to alter the race question from "Black, African Am. or Negro" to remove "Negro". Too frequently the term 'Negro' is used in a derogatory manner. I feel that using either "Black" or "African American" would be sufficient, clear, and understood. Either way, this is not something that I feel all that strongly about and would not object either way.

What I would like to comment on is the question of the number of times married. Please do not remove such language from the survey. I feel that this is an important question on many levels. While there is the aspect of social studies whereby such data is useful, I also feel that this is important for genealogical research. As a genealogist, I use census data to learn about my ancestors. I anticipate that future generations will search census records as they become available to learn important information about their ancestors. This single question provides important information to people who want to know who they came from. There could be times when in the absence of this question, people will be mistaken as to who they are which could have substantial effects on developing personal identity.

Please do not remove the question about the number of times married from the survey.

Sincerely,
Marcus Gho