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Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

The plan to drop this item should be reconsidered, in light of its ongoing role in family demography studies, and even in terms of maintaining adequate population divorce statistics over time. Although my area is not specifically family demography, it is relevant to some of my applied work regarding low income households. I hope that the Census Bureau will reconsider this decision, which will undermine both the quality and continuity of work in nuptiality and marital instability.

Thank you.

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