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To:	Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject:	please consider keeping the question on "number of times married"
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Dear Dr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

I am a PhD student from the Department of Sociology at the Ohio State University. Today, I am writing to express my concern toward excluding the question on "number of times married" from the ACS.

My research interest focuses on family demography, in particular on topics relating to marriage formation and dissolution, and the consequences of changing family structures on individual well-being. I use ACS data a lot. In particular, the question on "number of times married" allows me to examine remarriages and serial partnership. Therefore, dropping the question on "number of times married" from the ACS would significantly constrain researchers' ability to identify marriage order or to investigate questions on multiple union transitions.

Therefore, please consider keeping this question. This question is really important to understand U.S. families, given the fact that high instability and quick transitions characterize American marriage and families.

Sincerely,
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