From:	Kyle Joseph Burns
To:	Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject:	Re: ACS "Number of Times Married"
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To Whom It May Concern,

In a notice posted on April 16, 2013 on the Federal Register website for the American Community Survey informed us that the question, "Number of times married?" will be dropped from the survey. I am writing this e-mail because I believe that this question is extremely important for researchers on marital stability and should be kept.

As data from ACS, as far as I am aware, is not able to used against respondents keeping this question should have no negative impact on the community. However, this question provides researchers with data that can be used to model what conditions make it likely that someone might divorce and why this might occur multiple times. This small piece of innocuous information is important because it can be used to help us understand more about divorce, remarriage, and marriage stability and find ways to reduce the number of people that are in conditions that lead to divorce. This information can be used in many ways that help the population of the United States with not only marital stability but fertility, happiness and other areas as well.

The American Community Survey has provided academics with a variety of important information to help society for many years to come and I hope that it will continue to make the wise decisions that it has up until now by maintaining as much useful data as it possibly can.

Thank you for your time and patience,
Sincerely,
Kyle Burns

On Mon, May 6, 2013 at 10:21 AM, Kyle Joseph Burns
<kjburns1@email.arizona.edu> wrote: