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Hi Brian,

I just read the recent Federal Register report:
https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/04/16/2013-08876/submission-for-omb-review-comment-request

I am writing to comment about the planned removed of the number of times married question. I strongly discourage this removal. I have been an active researcher in the field of economics for the last 10 years. I study fertility, marriage, and health. Tracking down the marital patterns of individuals in the U.S. is actually one of the more difficult data tasks due to the hodgepodge of data sets that need to be accessed in order to cobble together marriage information. Now couldn't be a more important time to have this information as research increasingly focuses on inequality and what role family relationships play in the growing income and wealth gap in the U.S. I have used information like this in much of the work I have done. Without this info, we will face even more severe limitation on what we can know about marriage and economic outcomes. Please reconsider.

Best,
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