From: Bruce Phillips
To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject: # of marriages question in ACS
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Dear Dr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

As an assiduous used of Census demography I strongly urge that you keep the question on # of times married. The changing shape of the American family has become increasingly well known, thanks in no small part to the US Census. Among recent topics have been same-sex families and grandparents raising children. "Blended families" are central to the changing shape of the American family. To suddenly lose information about this important aspect of family life would do grievous harm to family demography as well as to policy makers and service providers.

Thank you for your consideration,

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