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Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

It has come to my attention that the "number of times married" question is under consideration for deletion form the ACS. I am writing to offer my professional opinion that this would be a significant loss. Multiple marriages are common and moreso now than ever. Demographers and family researchers rely on this variable in the ACS for many descriptive and analytic studies that otherwise would not be possible. Please bear this important point in mind when weighing the pros and cons of this decision. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

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