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I have been told that the ACS is planning to drop the "Number of Times Married" question from their survey. I can't possibly know why this would be necessary or advisable, but as a demographer for the Utah Governor's Office of Management and Budget, I have to strongly protest. Understanding this specific part of our demography is vital to painting a broader picture of the direction of our state's development. This statistic in particular adds substantial value to many demographic studies, models, and much of our applied research. Please let me know where else it is necessary to make my protest known on behalf of state demographers across the nation.

Thank You,
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