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Hello Brian,

As a family demographer, I am writing to urge you to keep the "number of times married" on the American Community Survey. This question is key to my work in studying homogramy. As our landscape of family relationships changes, ensuring we have this question on the ACS, one of the premeir demographic surveys in the country (if not the world), is of utmost importance. Understanding our families and the the changes in family relationships is increasingly important as more individuals enter into higher order marriages and as more children are raised in blended and step families.

Thank you,

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