From:	Fossett, Mark
To:	Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject:	Deletion of item from ACS
Date:	Monday, May 06, 2013 3:28:17 PM

My apologies for resending. I omitted a subject when I first sent this message. Sometimes spam filters will drop such messages so I am resending with the subject line filled in.

From: Fossett, Mark
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 14:26
To: bharrisk@omb.eop.gov
Subject:

Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

It has come to my attention that the "number of times married" question is under consideration for deletion from 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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