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To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject: Request to not drop "number of times married" question from the ACS
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Hello Mr. Harris-Kojetin,

I writing to request that you do not drop "number of times married" question from the ACS. This may seem redundant with whether or not someone is divorced, however, there is much reason to think that it is not. Having one divorce and remarriage may be a sign of learning but multiple divorces and remarriages may signal a personal or societal problem. Researchers should also control for those who have an unusual number of marriages when looking at divorce and marriage norms for they may be statistical outliers that can result in misleading conclusions about marriage and divorce.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Jennifer Talevich