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Subject:	Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,
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Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

The "times-married" question is necessary data for studies beyond basic studies of nuptiality and marital instability. The ACS is the only reliable source currently available for national divorce statistics. Without the number of times married, however, studies that rely on this marriage and divorce data will be rendered incomplete and therefore compromised in the future. For those who might (as I am) be interested in studying the changes (over time) of domicile and occupation of specific immigrant/ethnic populations in the United States with reference to endogamous or exogamous nuptiality, the loss of this data would stop such ongoing studies, period.

I, for what it is worth, ask that the question remain a part of the Census Questionnaire.

Sincerely,

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