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To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
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Hi-
I saw the notice in the federal register about the removal of the "number of times married" question from the ACS. I would respectfully ask that the question be kept in the survey. As a journalist, and author of a forthcoming book on demographic trends, I often rely on Census data in my research. Questions such as these are very important for examining social trends and trends in household structure.
Perhaps this would be a good subject to discuss on the Census blog to facilitate a more transparent process and present the Bureau's case for dropping this question?
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
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