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Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,
I am an economist working for the federal government. Among my research interests, I study the effects of family structure on choices in the labor market and on other economic outcomes. I understand that the ACS is planning to drop the question on number of times married. I think this would be a mistake and would limit our ability to answer questions that are important both for policy and for our general understanding of family dynamics. I urge you to leave this question in the survey. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Best wishes,
Dr. Steven Laufer