Dear members of the PAA Board of Directors and COPS,

Some of you may be aware of a proposal the Census Bureau recently issued to eliminate the "number of times married" question on the American Community Survey (ACS). Attached is the agency's official notice about their plans to eliminate this question. Comments are due by May 16 and can be sent to our contact in the White House Office of Management and Budget, Brian Harris-Kojetin. He may receive comments directly at his email, which is Brian_A._HarrisKojetin@omb.eop.gov.

PAA and APC will be sending comments from the organizations, but we feel that the agencies need to hear directly from individual members of PAA and APC too. If you are able to send comments, we understand it would be helpful for OMB and the Census Bureau to hear two things:

1) How you have used the data from the "number of times married" question; and,

2) Why these data are needed at the lower levels of geography the ACS provides.

Thank you for attention to this timely, important matter. Please share this email with your colleagues and networks who may want the opportunity to comment on this matter.