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This comment is relevant to the planned elimination of the Academic Libraries (AL) component of the IPEDS survey beginning in the 2025-26 administration. The AL survey is the only free collection of information related to the operations and expenditures of academic libraries. While many libraries can afford to subscribe to the ACRL survey and reporting system, many libraries, especially those at smaller and/or economically marginalized institutions, cannot. For these institutions, free access to a national data set can be critical to organizational and institutional success, and even survival. I urge NCES to reconsider the planned elimination.