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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey.

As an advocate with the American Library Association, and someone deeply invested in the health and progress of academic libraries, I am concerned about the potential discontinuation of this vital data collection.

The unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries. This data allows us to understand budget, staffing, and service trends, enabling individual academic libraries to benchmark themselves against their institutional peers. The insights gained from this survey are invaluable for making informed decisions, demonstrating the impact of libraries, and advocating for necessary resources and support.

Without this data, academic libraries will lose a critical tool for self-assessment and improvement, which could lead to less effective services for students and researchers. The federal government has a long-standing tradition of supporting educational excellence, and continuing this survey is an essential part of that commitment.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey and to continue this important work for the benefit of our academic institutions and their communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for supporting libraries.

Sincerely,

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