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As an academic librarian for over 10 years, I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. The longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information for not only libraries, but, for university research and research programs, including grant applications. This data provides information needed to track changes and trends in college and university libraries. During my last 10 years of work in an academic library, this data is accessed and used yearly to help our library make effective and informative decisions using evidence-based data. Researchers outside the library have also used this data in their field to show changes in information access needs that have often lead to new developments in our business world. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider the needs of the academic library and how academic library data collection benefits not only academic libraries, but businesses, students, professors, university and college administration and the and future entrepreneurs who will need longitudinal data to help them make the best informed decisions.