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Given the value of this academic library data and the risks inherent in its elimination, I as an academic librarian would strongly support work towards a solution that preserves this annual data collection. I recognize the cost to NCES of this effort. However, we do not see in this proposal sufficient rationale for eliminating the Academic Library component in particular, and neither the proposal nor its supporting documents address how that data is used, its value to libraries and the institutions they serve, or alternatives to its elimination. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to identifying a workable solution to continue this data collection going forward. I strongly believe that elimination of the Academic Libraries component without an alternative solution would do a disservice to libraries and to higher education as a whole.