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## **Comments Received:**

I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I am an advocate with the American Library Association, and I work as the director of a public library consortium. The unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries. In my work, I use longitudinal data collected about public libraries every single day. It helps us compare our collections, services, and operations to peer organizations and helps us measure progress toward becoming more efficient and effective organizations. Discontinuing the Academic Libraries survey will handicap academic libraries in their pursuit of offering the best possible library service they can to students in American colleges and universities.