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As a librarian of member of the Association of Research Libraries (U.of Pennsylvania), I strongly object to the elimination of the Academic Libraries (AL) component and instead, invite the Department to partner with academic library organizations (e.g. ACRL, ARL) and their members to find a solution that maintains this critically important open and transparent dataset for higher education. These associations have consulted on the library component of IPEDS for many years to help sustain its value to our

community and to higher education broadly, and they are eager to continue that consultation to ensure ongoing data collection and integrity.

For details on what I am rallying behind, I referred you to the comment submitted jointly to you by the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries on May 2nd, 2024. Thank you.