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As a retired academic librarian and administrator, I can't emphasize enough how heavily I relied on the IPEDS statistics to inform annual requests for funding, to analyze staffing, to consider service directions, and to measure our success. While completing the annual survey was a commitment, it was time well spent in terms of having a body of comparative statistical data from a source known by my university administration. I believe our administration also found it helpful to better understand the work and value of the academic library. I hope you will listen to current library leaders and practitioners on this matter with respect to the value they find in these statistics and reconsider the possible end to collecting these essential benchmarks. Thank you.