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I am an academic librarian, and I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. The unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries. This makes it possible to understand budget, staffing, and service trends and helps us benchmark compared to institutional peers. This data is extremely valuable for helping us plan operations and advocate to our administration for our needs. Libraries are the intellectual hubs of universities, and we cannot effectively fulfill our role without access to quality, consistent data. I urge you to keep the American Libraries Survey as part of IPEDS data collection.

Sincerely,

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