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I strongly oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey.

I work at a university library and am forming my career with intents to strive towards academic librarianship. This prospect is incredibly worrying to me, as librarianship undergoes drastic cuts and shifts across the nation. Academic libraries are a crucial cornerstone of our information ecosystem; not just for those who interact with libraries on a daily basis, but for any American citizen.

Since our working culture is deeply reliant on academic institutions to generate credentials for our most essential workforces, the elimination of this incredibly useful tool would bear a plethora of negative consequences. At my institution, the data from this survey aids in identifying ballpark statistics for enrollment, budgeting allocation, and other markers by which we plan the course of our years.

While I'm certain there is a significant cost associated with this program, I implore you to engage with the plethora of library associations (the American Library Association, for example) in order to explore a collaborative solution. It is shocking to learn that the largest entity in the country dedicated to libraries was not a contributing body to this decision. I urge you to better engage in democratic ideals and listen carefully to the statements given by librarians and library entities.