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Hello. I am writing in regard to the proposed change to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) that plans to cease collecting data on Academic Libraries (AL). Mine is a community college library that has a strong investment in our rural community and our public patrons, as well as our students and faculty. My Director and our Executive Dean have supported several initiatives to partner with Public, School, and other Academic Libraries: from donating discarded books to k-12 schools, to digital collections consortiums, to exploring the possibility of an inter-county loan system. Ceasing to collect data on ALs would leave out a part of the narrative. Tailor the questions, make a distinction between university and community college libraries, but please don't cease to collect data from Academic Libraries altogether. Thank you.