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As an academic librarian (now retired) for 33 years, I am stunned that eliminating the IPEDS annual survey is being considered at all! While providing the data from the private and state colleges that I worked at was time consuming, the comparative data that was provided from that national survey was and is invaluable in making staffing, service and collection decisions each year. At a time when budgets are stretched in all libraries (and at the National Center for Education Statistics), and when libraries of all sorts need support from the federal government more than ever, I emphatically urge you who are making budget cutting recommendations to re-consider this truly ill-advised move.

Thank you for re-considering removing this vital tool from academic libraries! We need to make data driven decisions more now than ever.