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I am an academic librarian who has provided library services to faculty and students since 1987. I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to eliminate the collection of statistical data from academic libraries by The National Center for Education Statistics. Access to this data helps academic libraries in ways that enable libraries to deliver those services. The unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries. Libraries are by nature collaborative and experimental, always striving for ways to do our work of delivering reliable content in the most efficient way possible. Not only do we use the statistics to update our service offerings and make budget decisions, but we can also identify trends that help us negotiate with our vendors so that they, too, can deliver services more efficiently. Eliminating access to these data sets would seriously hamper our ability to apply some of the adaptive, incremental changes that make us effective partners in the academic enterprise. Please continue to provide these statistics so we won't find ourselves rudderless when we most need guidance in changing times.