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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.

The federal government has collected statistics about academic libraries since 1966. The Academic Libraries survey makes it possible to understand budget, staffing, and service trends in college and university libraries. These data also allow individual academic libraries to benchmark compared to their institutional peers. This is the type of informed decision making, backed by data that I want the federal government to demonstrate and promote.