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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I recommend a reduced dataset be collected through IPEDS to reduce the burden on the NCES staff, if that would maintain the existence of this survey. It is important to have freely available data about our libraries in higher education institutions. I frequently use this data to look up other institutions, to compare our data with peer institutions, and to advocate to my leadership the need to devote resources to the library. Academic libraries are the heart of their universities, and I worry that excluding our data will mean less oversight and more cuts for our struggling institutions.