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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I work as an academic librarian and an advocate with the American Library Association. The data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries and is invaluable to decision making across library activities in higher education. It's how we grow and expand programs and services for college students. It is critical to understanding the value libraries provide to the institutional missions. Individual libraries cannot gain these insights on their own. It will deprive institutions of the ability to effectively benchmark with peers for purposes of investment and resource allocation, particularly with respect to student enrollment and success.

Given the value of this academic library data and the risks inherent in its elimination, please consider a solution that preserves this annual data collection.