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The American Library Association (ALA), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) strongly object to the proposed elimination of the AL component, and we urge OMB not to approve it. We would welcome the opportunity to work with NCES or other federal agencies to find a solution that maintains this critically important dataset for higher education. Please see the attached document for further detail.