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To the administrators of the Nat'l Center for Education Statistics: Data are the lifeblood of the contemporary academic library administrator. Good data collected and shared conscientiously and over time are even better. We use this information to assess the allocation of staff, the productivity and effectiveness of our services, the engagement of our clients, and the support of our institutions in carrying out our crucial role in higher education. When my provost wanted statements of library best practices, comparisons to our peer, competitive, or aspirational institutions, or a justification of my operating or capital budget requests, I did not have the time or resources to solicit and compile that information. But I did have the Academic Library Statistics and its relatively consistent, longitudinal data to help me make my best case in an increasingly challenging financial environment. Please continue to collect and disseminate this information via the ALS to the current and future generations of academic library administrators. I have no doubt it will be as important to them as it has been for me.