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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I serve as the Chief Librarian at an urban community college that serves a minority population. I am also an advocate with the American Library Association, that has supported all type of libraries to ensure that we provide equitable access. The longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries. This data helps our library to advocate for greater resources based on solid evidence. Over the many years that I have served as the Chief Librarian the data from the survey has helped to provide greater access to electronic resources, increased hours, expansion of library services and resources, and evidence of the value of the community college library to its' constituents.