

**Author Full Name :** Jessi Walker**Received Date :** 06/24/2024 12:42 PM**Comments Received :**

I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. Our students need academic libraries to learn about agriculture and soil science that affects how we are able to produce food and control disease and pest populations that harm our food and water supply. Extreme weather conditions are accelerating change in when and how our food is grown, and its ability to withstand these changes. We will need data on how and when our libraries are used in order to keep up with the technology and provide adequate library services to accommodate the student and scientist patrons of these libraries, from which come the scientific research that allows us to understand the world around us, and to keep Americans fed and healthy. Of course humans need food and water to live, but also, without adequate nutrition there comes illness and weakness, and reliance on ongoing government benefits to survive. This of course is only one example of a negative effect of eliminating the Academic Libraries survey. Cuts to things like collecting data on library usage may sound like a good way to save a little money, but the long-term effects ultimately be much more costly.