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Comments Received:

I am writing to express my support for retaining the IPEDS Academic Libraries Survey. In my 38-year career as an academic librarian, I have utilized the IPEDS data countless times and found them invaluable as a means of benchmarking my institution against our peer and aspirant institutions.

While there are other sources of library data, they are voluntary and thus participation is extremely uneven. IPEDS, on the other hand, is mandatory and as a result institutional participation is more regular and the data more complete and more useful.

Rather than eliminate the Academic Library Survey in IPEDS, I would prefer that you expand it to include details about common library services.

Please keep the IPEDS Academic Library Survey going!