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Comments Received:

I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I am a member of the American Library Association and I work in an academic library, collecting the kinds of statistics that are included in the Academic Libraries survey. The kind of data gathered by this survey is crucial for demonstrating the value of academic libraries to stakeholders within their institutions, for allowing academic libraries to benchmark themselves against their peers, and for tracking how the cost of information has changed over time within the academic library space (which is possible, as this data has been collected since 1966). Academic libraries have willingly collected this data over time and would also gladly work with NCES to find an alternative to the elimination of this data collection. I encourage you to work with them on such an alternative. Thank you for your consideration!