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The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my honor to relay my support for the Antiquities Act in proclaiming Freedom Riders National Monument in Anniston and Calhoun County. From the Bus Station to the Gas Station, our city and county are prepared to donate these historically important lands directly to the National Park Service.

It was my privilege to have established the local Freedom Riders Park Committee that has led efforts to establish relationships with the local community, State, Congress, Businesses, and Educators, to understand and support our efforts with the National Park Service.

The flames from that Greyhound Bus on Mother's Day in 1961 ignited much of the Civil Rights Movement. This important story needs to be told and with your help we look forward to the establishment of this NPS unit, dedicated to redemption, understanding, and harmony.

Thank you Mr. President for your support of Freedom Riders Park in Alabama.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boyd, Ed.D.

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