



September 20, 2016

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter of our support toward your declaration of the *Freedom Riders National Monument* at the Greyhound Bus Station and famous bus burning site in Alabama.

These sites are visited by hundreds of tourists and locals each year. The buildings and the property around them have not changed; therefore, visitors can vividly imagine the attack on the Freedom Riders who arrived on that day in 1961. Outdoor murals and historic markers tell of the event. National Park Service involvement would be an excellent addition to the existing developments already taken place.

Our region has a powerful story to share with the world. This site's status as a national monument would greatly assist us in this endeavor. We fully support your use of the Antiquities Act in making this possible.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Kernion". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Greg Kernion  
Chairman  
Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service  
Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior  
Christie Goldfuss, Managing Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality  
Richard Shelby, United States Senator