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President Barack Obama  
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Dear President Obama:

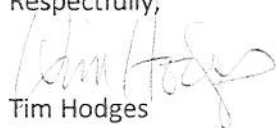
I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Calhoun County Commission in Alabama for your designation of the Anniston Greyhound Bus Station and the bus burning site on the Old Birmingham Highway as a National Monument. Such a designation could be an economic and cultural boon for our area. It would also hold tremendous potential for area teachers and students to learn more about our area's history.

The Calhoun County Commission has long been a supporter of local history, heritage and this effort. Our efforts include support to the Freedom Riders Park committee, appropriations for historic parks, interpretive exhibits and educational outreach programs to area schools. The addition of the Freedom Riders National Monument is an important layer of knowledge to local history, one that has long been overlooked. We foresee excellent opportunities for educational programming in conjunction with the monument.

It is my understanding that you have at your disposal the Antiquities Act, which would preclude the need for legislative action. Please know that you have our full support in this action.

We are eagerly anticipating this project, and we stand ready to assist through our leadership in the communities we represent.

Respectfully,

  
Tim Hodges  
Chairman

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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  
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