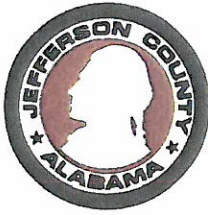


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December 8, 2014

Dr. Ray Watts, President  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
1070 Administrative Building  
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Dear Dr. Watts,

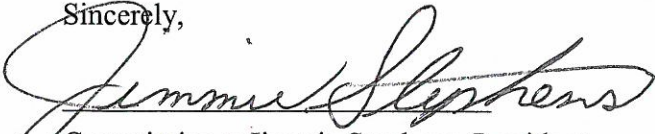
We, the members of the Jefferson County Commission, believe that the football program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is important for many reasons, including maintaining an economically vibrant and growing community that increases the quality of life of our citizens.

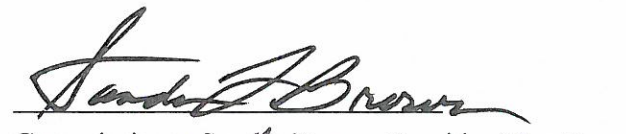
We fully respect UAB's right to make decisions regarding its affairs, but given the community wide impact of eliminating UAB football, we believe that it would be beneficial to all involved if there were a public opportunity to thoroughly review and discuss possible alternatives, such as partnerships with businesses and local governments, before a final decision is made regarding the future of UAB football.

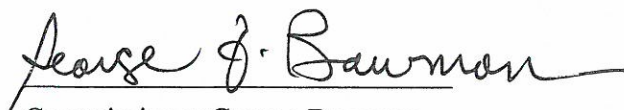
Please understand that our objective is not meant to second guess your authority as the chief executive officer of the University, but to offer our assistance, if desired, to review possible alternatives. To this end, we encourage you to convene a task force of local city, county and state elected officials, local business and community leaders, and members of the Alabama Sports Foundation to review what, if anything, can be done to save the UAB football program. If you would like, we would be glad to help organize such a group and to facilitate such a review.


Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. We look forward to receiving your reply.

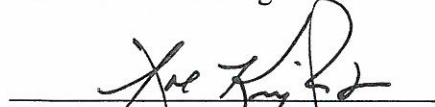
Sincerely,

  
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