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Randall L. Woodfin
Mayor of Birmingham
710 20th Street North
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RE: Red Mountain Cut Geologic Walkway

Dear Mayor Woodfin,

The Nature Conservancy in Alabama (TNC-AL) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Red Mountain Cut Foundation's restoration of the Red Mountain Cut Geologic Walkway. This Walkway exposes over 190 million years of geologic strata dating to over 500 million years ago. The Ordovician, Silurian, Devonian and Mississippian geologic periods are visible in the cut. Special features include caves, volcanic ash layers, the Red Mountain fault line, prehistoric reefs and beaches, fossils and fossil tracks. Significantly, the cut reveals the cross-section of the red ore seam that spurred Birmingham's development.

For over two decades, the Red Mountain Cut Walkway, which allowed visitors a glimpse into the unique history of our region, has been mostly inaccessible to the public due to its blockage by trash, debris, and dense vegetation.

The Red Mountain Cut Foundation is undergoing plans to clear the cut and build a brand-new walkway, including new displays with explanations of the geologic formations, as well as provide regular maintenance for the Walkway. The Red Mountain Cut Foundation's restoration and maintenance of the Red Mountain Cut Geologic Walkway will once again bring history alive for the residents of Birmingham.

The Nature Conservancy in Alabama strongly supports the continued efforts of the Red Mountain Cut Foundation and its partners to plan and construct a renewed walkway that will insure the future of this geologic educational resource. TNC-AL will be engaged throughout the project and pledge our continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Reid".

Mitchell Reid
State Director
The Nature Conservancy in Alabama