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Alabama Historical Commission
468 S. Perry Street
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RE: Historic Sites Grant Program

To whom it may concern,

As the members of the Baldwin County Legislative Delegation, we would like to give our strong support to Baldwin County Department of Archives and History's proposal for Bicentennial Park in Baldwin County.

Bicentennial Park is a crown jewel for our county and region, providing a venue full of historical attractions and experiences that enrich the lives of both county residents and visitors alike. Already, thousands of children from schools across our area visit Bicentennial Park each and every year to take part in the abundance of educational amenities it already provides - and this proposed plan to use a \$75,000 grant from your department to better show agriculture in the late 18th century would certainly be a welcomed and needed enhancement.

By being able to show visitors what agrarian life was like in our county during that time period, people will be able to get a better understanding of our past and be shown real-life examples of how the practices of that day took place - giving life to our history in an interactive and imaginative way. As engaging people with our state's history is one of the main missions of your department, it would stand to reason that this particular project would certainly be worthy of your attention and your potential funding. The team here at the Baldwin County Archives has the ability, know-how and tenacity to make this a top-notch attraction; all they need are the tools and funding to finish the job.

As the state legislators for Baldwin County, we once again urge that you give serious consideration to Baldwin County's proposal here and we are hopeful that you will see the remarkable potential that we all see in this project and will award it the sought after funding it certainly deserves.

Sincerely,

Sen. Greg Albritton

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Rep. Alan Baker

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