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RE: Shepherd Bend Mine Proposal

Dr. Witt:

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. The University of Montevallo Environmental Club would like to urge you, as the President of the University of Alabama, to take a firm stance against the proposed coal mine at Shepherd's Bend on the Black Warrior River.

Our student organization, UM Environmental Club, became involved in the efforts to prevent the building of this proposed mine as a result of the awareness-raising efforts of Black Warrior Riverkeeper and the Birmingham-Metro Chapter of the NAACP. We work in solidarity with concerned student organizations at other public universities throughout the state, including Coalition of Alabama Students for the Environment (CASE), the Green Initiative at UAB, EnAct at Birmingham Southern College, Restoring Eden at Samford, and the University of Alabama Environmental Council.

The environmental degradation that we fear will result from this mine is not limited to the poisoning of at least 200,000 Birmingham area residents' drinking water, or to the increased cost of water treatment that will take at least 10 more dollars from the pockets of each customer of the Birmingham Water Works Board, but also to the wildlife that calls the Black Warrior River home. Alabama's biodiversity is one of our best features. To have another industrial project that not only damages our reputation, but our priceless environment, would be a tragedy.

It is in this same sense of pride in and devotion to our home state that members of our organization and community feel the need to express our concerns over the planned industrial development at Shepherd's Bend. Though our community is not one of the closest to the Black Warrior rivershed, we firmly believe that the consequences of this controversial undertaking by Drummond Coal is one that will result in far-reaching, negative effects for the health and well-being of all Alabamians.

Whatever decision is made by the University of Alabama system will make a powerful impression not only on the residents of our state, but to all decision-makers across our country.

We urge you to take a strong stance against the mine at Shepherd's Bend, and to do the right thing for your state: protect our water, protect our wildlife, and protect our future.

Sincerely,

The Concerned Students of University of Montevallo Environmental Club

Courtney Bennett
Co-President of UMEC

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The following packet contains the signatures of approximately 300 members of the Montevallo community. Personal signatures of support range from University of Montevallo students, faculty, and staff to individual town residents and business owners. On their behalf, and for the future conservation of the Black Warrior River watershed, we once more extend our thanks for your time and consideration on this very important issue.

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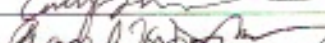
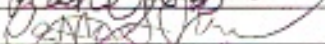







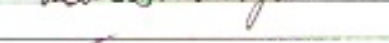



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