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Commissioner Greg Sankey,

I am writing to you as the Majority Leader of the Alabama Senate to request that the Southeastern Conference proceed with the 2020 Football Season this fall. In addition to the Conference's Medical Advisory Group providing a medical clearance for gameplay this fall, I have faith in the various health and safety guidelines being adopted by the Conference's member institutions, who have themselves relied on the vast expertise of the medical professionals on their campuses and within their respective university systems.

In addition to the heightened health and safety protocols in intercollegiate athletics, each member institution has created health and safety guidelines campus-wide. I have a tremendous amount of trust in the decision making of institutions such as the University of Alabama and Auburn University and wholeheartedly believe that every decision made by their respective administrations will prioritize the health and welfare of their students, faculty, and staff over all other considerations. Member institutions and student-athletes have worked tirelessly to get back on the field this fall. Depriving opportunities for student-athletes to succeed on the field will have long lasting and potentially devastating consequences for their futures, with many student-athletes aspiring to compete professionally. For these reasons, I humbly ask that the Southeastern Conference hear the calling of their member institutions and student-athletes and commit to competition this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Reed".

Senator Greg Reed
Senate Majority Leader, State of Alabama

Cc:

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