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It is my understanding that the North Dakota Supreme Court has decided to take public comments on whether to allow out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors for their trials.

I urge you to consider allowing all willing and able attorneys to represent these clients, and ease the burden that North Dakota public defenders already face.

If out-of-state officers can arrest and attack these Water Protectors, there's no excuse for denying them out-of-state representation.

Thank you for your time and consideration and warm wishes through the many holidays this season.