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**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

**Subject:** comment on out-of-state lawyers for water protectors in legal battles

Dear Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme court, Thank you for taking the time to listen to the public in regards to the legal proceedings of the water protectors whom were arrested at Standing Rock. Due to the fact that there are so many people whom have recently been arrested there, and the fact that there is not enough North Dakota criminal defense lawyers to take the case loads, I believe that an exception should be made to allow out of state lawyers to represent them at their trials. There are many well qualified lawyers whom are willing to come to ND and represent these people. Not only is allowing them the right thing to do, but it will also save ND substantial legal costs by not having to pay public defenders to take on these cases.

Sincerely, Leanna Shulkin

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