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To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: In a matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services

To Whom It May Concern,

As a citizen who has witnessed the unfair atrocities imposed upon the Water Protectors speaking out against the Dakota Access Pipeline, I feel the need to express to you the importance of allowing outside legal service to the individuals affected.

The North Dakota state government has inflicted incredible abuse upon civilian rights by allowing extending militarized police force presence and remaining silent on clear Treaty Rights violations. Several individuals arrested were taken in for very loose claims of misconduct, whereas trespassers such as DAPL employees were not charged for pointing a LOADED AR rifle at a crowd of unarmed men, women and children.

This fact alone is a smear on how North Dakota officials and government alike have failed to uphold the rights of American citizens.

I support Water Protectors having access to out of state lawyers who will represent them at trial.

I truly hope, those involved support them as well as an act of good will despite North Dakota's mistreatment.

Sincere Regards,

Kima Nieves
Concerned American Citizen