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Water protectors are being denied their rights to qualified counsel.

Denying Water Protectors their constitutional rights to counsel is a far more serious barrier to justice than concrete slabs across a highway," said William Tilton, WPLC lawyer. "We filed to call on the Supreme Court to recognize this judicial emergency and open the courts to qualified criminal lawyers who are standing by to help."

The protectors have the right to say why they were there, Morton County Sheriff's Department had infringed on their "constitutionally protected rights of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to petition for redress of their grievances."

State's Attorney Erickson needs to step down as prosecutor. WPLC calls on the courts to decide whether his prosecutorial conduct has tainted the jury pool and prevented a fair trial to the point that the Water Protectors' cases must be dismissed.