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**From:** Gayle Hart <gayle.hart@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF COMMENT: Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Ms. Penny Miller;

I would like to ask your assistance in obtaining a fair trial for our water protectors. I understand the defense was denied a change of venue. The attorneys available to represent the defendants are stretched thin. Attorneys from out of state are willing to help.

I have seen the results of several hearings and know that the majority of judges in North Dakota are fair and just. I would like to ask your assistance in keeping these trials as fair and just as possible. I know you have no control over jury selection. However, without the change in venue, allowing out of state attorneys will help to ensure our water protectors receive as fair a trial as possible.

Respectfully,  
Gayle Hart