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Dear Penny Miller:

Please allow the Water Protectors to be represented by the attorney of their choice in the cases concerning Water Protectors versus Dakota Access Pipeline LLC, Energy Transfer Partners and the State of North Dakota. Citizens are allowed due process and a consideration of their plea in a timely manner. Making defendants wait for the few local attorneys who might represent them fairly would delay timely review of their case and/or subject the defendant to a biased attorney and/or court. Potentially, judges and courts should excuse themselves from these cases, given many state officials/people/juries are biased with a conflict of interest as to its outcome, and the cases should be relocated to an unbiased court without conflicts of interest (e.g., monetary, from the energy industry). Citizens are pleading for their 1st and 4th Amendment rights against those that have supplied money to state and local government officials, and those who (or their agents) have inflicted assault, personal injury and/or sexual harassment upon water protectors.

Those of us in Illinois, on the other end of DAPL, are very concerned about the outcome of this matter. We hope to begin seeing legal and more consensual standing to the parties' actions surrounding the many elements of this pipeline and energy issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I hope the defendants will be allowed just consideration of their plea, in a timely manner, with the attorney of their choice (even if not a local attorney). Understandably, any attorneys would ground their arguments in state and federal law.

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