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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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From: Matalolo, Rae <Matalolo@dixie.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:27 AM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Cc: Matalolo, Rae
Subject: Request for Out-of-State Attorneys for Standing Rock Water Protectors

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Penny Miller,

I'm writing to request and support that the defendants with the **Standing Rock Water Protectors** to have lawyers from *outside* North Dakota state as their legal representation at their trial.

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.

Thank you,
Rae Matalolo from Utah
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