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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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From: Jeffrey Haas <jeffreyhaas42@gmail.com>
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To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: RE: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services By Qualified Attorneys
From Outside North Dakota - Supreme Court No. 20160436

I am very concerned both for those arrested and also for my sense of justice and fair trial that those arrested for opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline have attorneys representing them at their upcoming trials.

I have made four trips to Bismarck and Mandan since Sept. 3rd and have sat in on numerous preliminary hearings, arraignments and bond hearings. I wanted to participate, but I do not have a ND license.

There are insufficient numbers of ND lawyers available to work with me or other out of state attorneys. Those that are or would be are already handling overwhelming caseloads.

I have been practicing law including substantial criminal defense for over 40 years in Illinois and most recently in New Mexico. I have represented people approximatel 100 criminal cases, including being one of the main defense lawyers in a death penalty case where all 10 defendants were found not guilty. I know there are many other out of state attorneys like myself with substantial criminal law experience, who could provide good representation for water protectors if allowed to practice pro hac vice in North Dakota without the requirement that a local lawyer be with them in court at all times.

I very much support the Petition and hope you will grant it.

Respectfully Yours,

/S/ Jeffrey Haas

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