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**From:** John and Gretchen Morris <jgmorrishome@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2016 6:05 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allowance of Non-North Dakota Attorneys to Represent Standing Rock Protest Defendants

Dear Ms. Miller,

As an attorney and a member of the Oregon State Bar (though currently retired), I know how critical it can be for someone involved in a court proceeding, especially as a defendant, to have the assistance of and be represented by a qualified attorney. A criminal trial in which the defendant is not so represented does not meet the standard of equity required not only by the U.S. Constitution but by our legal system's general obligation of fairness.

I strongly urge the North Dakota Supreme Court to allow out-of-state lawyers to represent those of the Standing Rock Protest defendants who wish for such representation.

Sincerely,  
Gretchen R. Morris

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