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Re: Notice of Comment
Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Ms. Miller:

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe strongly supports the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

The Petition addresses the legal needs of a large number of Water Protectors, individuals who have come together to express their opposition to the Dakota Access pipeline. These individuals are entitled to be properly represented by attorneys in connection with their criminal proceedings.

The Tribe has heard from many Water Protectors, including members of our Tribe, indicating that they do not have legal representation. There are simply not enough North Dakota lawyers who are willing and able to represent the Water Protectors. The Tribe is also aware of a significant number of qualified attorneys from other jurisdictions who are willing and able to represent Water Protectors in their criminal proceedings. In this situation, where more lawyers are needed, and out of state lawyers are able to fill that need, the solution is clear. The Petition

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properly addresses this by seeking the authorization for out of state attorneys to represent Water Protectors.

The proper administration of justice is a cornerstone of all good governments. The Petition would help in that regard by providing lawyers to those who need them. The Petition should be granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Archambault, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

Dave Archambault, II