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To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Comment re: Petition to allow attorneys to practice law in North Dakota to represent Standing Rock defendants

I write in support of the Petition to allow out of state attorneys to practice law in North Dakota for purposes of representing defendants in standing rock cases. Lawyers are needed to represent the mass of defendants and there simply are not enough attorneys licensed in North Dakota. Any experienced criminal defense attorney can learn the laws necessary to help these defendants. Not allowing attorneys to practice will create a travesty of justice for people who need it most. I am one of the many attorneys who would help if I can. I'm licensed in Arizona and have been to North Dakota to see all that is happening first hand.

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