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**RE: N.D. Supreme Court No. 20160436 - Petition to Permit Temporary Provision  
of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota**

Dear Ms. Miller,

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) is an organization of over 5,000 members. The organization is committed to ensuring justice and due process for persons accused of crimes and to promote the proper and fair administration of justice. To that end, our members strive to protect the right to effective assistance of counsel.

In that vein, NACDL supports the petition filed by various entities and counsel to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys Outside North Dakota.

NACDL urges the Supreme Court to grant the relief requested on the petition. If a hearing is ordered in the Petition, NACDL requests to appear as a friend of the court and to be heard on the Petition filed December 14th.

NACDL stands ready and committed to assist in securing experienced defense counsel to provide voluntary legal assistance to those accused of crimes arising from DAPL disputes.

Very truly yours,



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