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Penny Miller,
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RE: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services By Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota - Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Ms. Miller and Honored Members of the Supreme Court:

I am writing you to urge the North Dakota Supreme Court to grant the Petition to temporarily allow out of state lawyers to represent the No Dakota Access Pipeline (NoDAPL) arrestees and to permit out of state attorneys to be admitted without the regular requirements.

I am an attorney who has been licensed in Illinois and Michigan over the last 15 years. I am a Supreme Court Justice for the Nottawseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, past Chief Judge for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and a member of the American Indian Law Committee to the Michigan State Bar. In addition, I serve or have served for several local Michigan courts for court-appointments on criminal, juvenile, abuse-neglect and probate matters.

I have read and agree with the Petition. I urge this Court to waive its standard procedure regarding the admission of out of state lawyers due to the urgent need for additional attorneys to assist in the representation of the over 500 protestors, many of whom still do not have an attorney. We all want to ensure that the arrestees' constitutional right to an attorney is not violated. I suggest that the most efficient way to ensure adherence to the constitutional rights of the arrestees is to allow out of state attorneys to represent the arrestees.

Thank you very much for your consideration.
Best Regards,

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