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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Cc: Jay Levin; Joel Simpson; Lori Grace; Judith Iam; Matthew Heerde; Tim C; Tim@timdechrisopher.org; Pat Almonrode; Jill McManus; Jim Dean; Charles Chamberlain
Subject: Please remove ND's obstacles to allowing out of state lawyers to defend the water protectors

Attn: Penny Miller:

- 1) Whereas the police and county Sherriff and the the corporation's own security forces are themselves facing serious well documented charges of atrocious behavior; and
- 2) whereas there is short supply of lawyers within No Dakota not biased by the huge influence of the fossil fuel industry there, and
- 3) whereas it would deface and be an insult to the [historic legacy that the courageous people of North Dakota in the 1900s gave to America in standing up against the corporate greed of that time](#) and thanks to such courage North Dakotans, being the first and only state to have successfully taken on the huge corporate interests at that time that, who then as today with the fossil fuel industry, were putting profit before people, and
- 4) whereas, as a result of standing up against corporate greed, putting shortterm profits before the rights of people, and people's needs, North Dakota is still enjoying the legacy of that courageous period, being the only state to continue to have a state owned bank, and as a result being the only state to have had had the least damage from the Wall Street meltdown of 2008-2009, and
- 5) more than 95% of climate scientist agree that we need to keep fossil fuels in the ground and use any and all available monies instead to rapidly convert to wind and solar based economy to have any chance at all of avoiding a catastrophic future for our youth and tuture generations as soon as 15-20 years from now
- 6) and therefore it is the fossil fuel industry's war on the planet and its much greater harm to Americans and people worldwide that should be prosecuted and stopped at the earliest possible moment

We urge you to do whatever you can to remove any barriers that exist and thereby enable out of state lawyers to defend the water protectors.

This is an historic opportunity for the Supreme Court of North Dakota to truly serve the people of North Dakota and America and humanity and western civilization itself rather than the special, powerful ,greed-dominated short-term profit interests of the fossil fuel industry that are rapidly destroying any possibility for still averting an imminent catastrophic future.

Yours truly, for justice and the planet,
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"These ten years are likely to be the most important ten years in the next 10,000 years for the planet and human freedom."-Sylvia Earle (one of the world's leading oceanographers)
This quote refers to the latest science which now strongly indicates that the oceans (the source of 80% of our oxygen) will be basically dead in the next 20-25 years at the current rate of ocean acidification, and more than

50% of mammals (except those in zoos) will also likely be extinct due to our rapid rate of species extinction (1000x greater than prehuman history)