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**From:** Tracy Wares <tracywares@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 18, 2016 6:38 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

Dear Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court,

I'm deeply concerned that the protesters arrested at Standing Rock are being denied their constitutional right to counsel.

Due to the overwhelming number of arrests and declared state of emergency, emergency funding should have been set aside for the public defense system. It is now imperative that qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota be permitted to step in and fill the urgent need of counsel to the over 500 protesters awaiting trial.

thank you very much for your time and consideration,

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