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Subject: n the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

I am writing regarding the lack of counsel for individuals arrested for protesting at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Given the limited number of public defenders and their already heavy burdens, arrestees are faced with unjust options at all sides: forego counsel, accept representation from an overworked attorney (if that is even an option), or forego the constitutional right to a speedy trial. This is a problem that could be alleviated by allowing out-of-state attorneys to represent arrestees pro hac vice. This simple and non-controversial solution should be adopted as soon as practically possible.

Sincerely,
Joyce Young