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IN THE OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
DECEMBER 15, 2016
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

To Whom it May Concern:

I support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota. It is clear that North Dakota does not have enough North Dakota licensed attorneys willing and able to represent the many individuals arrested in connection with the pipeline protests. I read the affidavit submitted by Mr. Tilton and concur with his assertion that many North Dakota attorneys feel personally conflicted about representing individuals arrested in connection with the pipeline protests, which has led to a diminished pool of competent attorneys interested in taking these cases. If competent attorneys who are not currently licensed to practice in North Dakota are willing to answer the call for attorneys to represent these individuals and are permitted to do so by the adoption of the proposed amendments, it will significantly reduce the burden on the attorneys currently practicing in the state and the courts that come in to contact with these defendants.

These comments are solely my own, made as an individual attorney, and are in no way to be construed or held out as the position taken by my employer.

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