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To the Clerk of the Supreme Court Penny Miller,

Good day to you. My name is Rita Noel and I am writing in regards to the rule amendments that would make it possible for out-of-state lawyers to provide their service for the Water Protectors of North Dakota. There appears to have been multitudinous arrests made during the prayer ceremonies and demonstrations that took place in Morton County during the past few months of this year. These arrests have shown to place unwarranted pressure on the Morton County criminal justice system, with many of the arrested not having proper legal representation. Hence, I am calling on the courts to allow out-of-state lawyers to help lighten the load of those waiting for their right to a speedy trial. I support the petition filed to your office on December 14, 2016 "In The Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services By Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota". I hope the court will seriously consider the terms of the petition.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Rita Noel