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Dave Archambault II, Chairman
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RE: Native American Rights Fund Supports Standing Rock

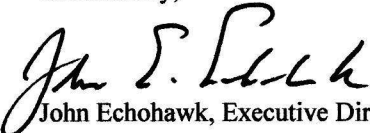
Dear Chairman Archambault II,

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) stands with the people of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in the fight to protect sacred and irreplaceable resources, including the waters of the Missouri River, against the Dakota Access Pipeline. NARF is pleased to inform you that we will be working to assist the Tribe in its very important case involving the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and NARF are working with EARTHJUSTICE and will be taking the lead to develop and coordinate an effective amicus brief strategy in support of the Tribe in your lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in relation to the DAPL. Based on their years of experience with the work of the Tribal Supreme Court Project, NCAI and NARF have agreed to provide direct assistance in channeling the overwhelming support received by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe from all across Indian country in order to provide a strong, unified voice in the federal courts. On August 24, 2016, Judge Boasberg, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, heard arguments regarding the Tribe's motion for a preliminary injunction. It has been widely reported that Judge Boasberg will issue a ruling by September 9, 2016. Depending on the outcome, NCAI and NARF may need to move quickly, in coordination with EARTHJUSTICE, to develop litigation and amicus strategy in response.

There is no doubt that the Dakota Access Pipeline presents grave threats to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and others, and that the lapses in the federal regulatory process failed to protect the tribes' right to be consulted on a government-to-government basis, on an issue that directly threatens the values and continued well-being of these Tribes.

We are honored to assist in this extremely important matter.

In Solidarity,


John Echohawk, Executive Director