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Dear Honorable Chairman Archambault and Mr. Sitting Bear,

We write to express our support and solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Waterkeeper Alliance strengthens and grows a global network of grassroots leaders protecting everyone's right to clean water. We have over 290 Waterkeeper Organizations in 34 countries protecting rivers, lakes and coastal waterways across 6 continents. We hold polluters accountable for their actions and connect local Waterkeeper organizations worldwide that are all fighting for our shared vision of swimmable, drinkable, fishable waterways everywhere.

We honor your people and thank all those who join with you for their courageous, gallant and altruistic stand to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline from crossing the Missouri River. Waterkeepers and our communities all over the world have been on the front lines working to resurrect our shattered communities and poisoned waterways after oil spills. From Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico to Bangladesh and Iraq, we have dealt with the death and destruction of clean water, wildlife and local businesses caused by oil spills. We recognize and acknowledge the undeniable truth that if the Dakota Access Pipeline is allowed to cross the Missouri River and other waterways, the drinking water for millions may be harmed.

We stand in solidarity with unwavering support, affirming with our hearts and bodies that the Standing Rock people have the legal, moral and ethical right to protect their homeland, their historic and sacred sites, and the drinking water of millions. We stand in solidarity with and support the 28 tribes who have treaty rights up and down the length of the Missouri River Basin. The government of the United States must respect the rights of these honorable Tribal Nations who are united in an historic and inspiring effort to peacefully oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline.

We call on President Obama and Secretary Jewell to honor the treaty rights of all Tribal Nations and to act now to protect the drinking water of millions. The Corps of Engineers should rescind all permits and stop construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Fossil fuels must be kept in the ground in order to protect water quality, address climate change, and save the lives of future generations.

If we can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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