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Office of Governor  
State of North Dakota  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0100

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Dear Governor Dalrymple,

The Dakota Access pipeline was lawfully approved by four states, including North Dakota, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. All supporters and opponents of the project had the equal right to voice their opinions on the project and engage in a civil debate regarding the merits of the pipeline, including in three public hearings held throughout the state. The actions of those protesting the project has created an environment that is not only unsafe for our men and women, but also for law enforcement and the protesters themselves.

The men and women who are constructing the Dakota Access Pipeline through North Dakota deserve the opportunity to work in an environment that is not illegally occupied by protestors or anyone who threatens the safety of our union brothers and sisters. We ask you to please utilize the authority of your office to protect American workers and our ability to work in a safe environment and stand up to the demonstrators who are committing dangerous actions in protest of the project.

The groups engaging in these protests have refused to work with state authorities and are now illegally occupying private land and public roadways where we have a job to do. Our men and women who earn a living on important and vital construction infrastructure projects such as Dakota Access have been asked to leave the job site while the local law enforcement contains the illegal protesters.

We strongly encourage you to utilize the power of your office to keep our workers safe and to ensure protestors are following the letter of the law of North Dakota. While they may have a right to protest, we also have a right to do our jobs in a safe environment. Protestors who did not avail themselves of nearly two years of public discourse of the project should not be allowed to continue endangering themselves, construction workers, or law enforcement while trespassing on land legally leased to this project.

Please act as soon as possible and give our men and women the opportunity to do the jobs we were hired to do.

Sincerely,

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