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Executive Director Patricia Van Gerpen
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

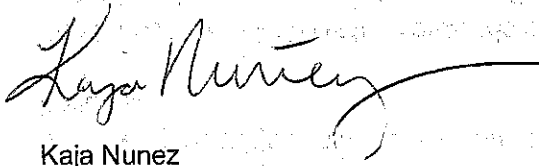
I am writing today as a concerned citizen of the United States to urge you to withdraw your approval for the Dakota Access Pipeline and revoke any/all permits that have been issued to Energy Transfer Partners.

From the time of the pilgrims, government and private interests have lied to, stolen from, murdered, marginalized and generally subjected the rights, health, autonomy and culture of the Native Americans to selfish and misguided goals. It is long past the time that this end, and yet now, over 500 years since Native Americans were first subjected to European invasion, they are again subjected to violence and endangerment of their health, lives, and cultural heritage.

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe depends on the Missouri and Cannonball Rivers for their clean water. This is seriously threatened with the DAPL. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe has identified sacred burial grounds that would be desecrated with the pipeline construction. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe has also gathered with hundreds of others to protest this pipeline and have been subjected to violent attacks by security and law enforcement in through use of attack dogs, tear gas, rubber bullets, concussion grenades and use of water canons in freezing temperatures. These actions are unconscionable!

This is a matter of human rights, of health, life and culture for a Native Culture that has been robbed over and over throughout our history. People are arguing that this is no longer their land, they do not "own" it. Yet this is only because it WAS STOLEN FROM THEM! By our government, no less, during years which are a horrifying and heartbreaking chapter in our country's history. This latest assault is *wrong* and I ask you again, to do *whatever* you can to stop it.

Thank you, most sincerely,



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