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SUPPORTING REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE AND SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX AND OTHERS TO PROTECT THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE, LANDS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Dakota Access Pipeline project is designed to transport 470,000 barrels of crude oil nearly 1,200 miles each day, from North Dakota, through South Dakota and Iowa and into Illinois at a cost of over \$3.7 billion. The proposed route for the pipeline would cross the Missouri River a mile away from the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, posing dangers to both water quality and lands of cultural significance.

The Dakota Access Pipeline project poses unnecessary harm to sacred burial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux in spite of federal treaty agreements. LaDonna Brave Bull of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe invited native people from all over the world to camp on land she owns. Members of more than 90 Native American nations and tribes have been in the encampment since April. Native peoples from around the world have traveled to Standing Rock to support the efforts of the local tribal members to protect their native lands, including sacred burial grounds, and the waters.

Thousands of individuals from all walks of life, including, most recently, thousands of American military veterans, have gathered to stand in solidarity in opposition to the project despite adverse cold and snow and in the face of threats of arrests or forcible removal. On Monday, October 10, Indigenous People's Day, our colleague in local elected office, Madison Alder Rebecca Kemble, was arrested at the site. She traveled to North Dakota to deliver a statement of solidarity adopted by the Madison Common Council. Alder Kemble stayed at the site as a legal observer and was arrested and her camera was taken away by law enforcement officials, in what she described as an effort to suppress evidence of police misconduct.

Those trying to bring basic life supplies to those who are demonstrating have faced additional threats, including being prevented from the site.

Dane County has been a leader in preserving and protecting the burial sites of this region's indigenous people and in partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation completed a countywide inventory of burial sites in 1992.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dane County Board of Supervisors and Dane County Executive support revocation of the permit to construct the Dakota Access Pipeline and support the rights of the Standing Rock Sioux and others to protect their cultural heritage, their lands, and the nation's natural resources without interference from law enforcement officials or representatives of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Wisconsin's Congressional delegation and United States Senators.