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October 21, 2016

Governor Dennis Daugaard
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Dear Governor Daugaard:

Today I received a very disturbing report from Chairman Brandon Sazue of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. Chairman Sazue was an eyewitness to a police barricade and a police action occurring right now near the *Oceti Sakowin* Camp, which is located near Highway 1806 near Cannonball, North Dakota . This police action is aimed at suppressing and intimidating a group of peaceful, unarmed water protectors gathered in prayer to oppose the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (“DAPL”) under Lake Oahe. These water protectors include a large number of our people: members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and residents the State of South Dakota.

The disturbing fact that Chairman Sazue reported to me this afternoon was that the police lined up in arms against our people that included members of the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

I am writing to you today, Governor Daugaard, to voice my urgent opposition to the use of South Dakota resources in support of the oil pipeline and against the water protectors. These water

The blue represents the thunderclouds above the world where live the thunder birds who control the four winds. The rainbow is for the Cheyenne River Sioux people who are keepers of the Most Sacred Calf Pipe, a gift from the White Buffalo Calf Maiden. The eagle feathers at the edges of the rim of the world represent the spotted eagle who is the protector of all Lakota. The two pipes fused together are for unity. One pipe is for the Lakota, the other for all the other Indian Nations. The yellow hoops represent the Sacred Hoop, which shall not be broken. The Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle in red represents Wakan Tanka – The Great Mystery. All the colors of the Lakota are visible. The red, yellow, black and white represent the four major races. The blue is for heaven and the green for Mother Earth.

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protectors are standing up to an oil company that wants to pump 570,000 gallons of crude oil a day under the river we South Dakotans rely on for our lives, our livelihoods, and our way of life. If that oil pipeline breaks, all of South Dakota will suffer.

The fact that you authorized South Dakota law enforcement to fight against our people in favor of that oil pipeline leads me to believe that you might be ignorant of some of the critical facts about the DAPL and its threat to the State of South Dakota and its people.

Did you know, that the pipeline's original river crossing was moved from above Bismarck down to a site just 30 miles north of the South Dakota border? North Dakota was worried that the pipeline might break and contaminate their waters and harm their people and their land. So, Dakota Access LLP and the Army Corps of Engineers changed that river crossing to protect the people of North Dakota.

Did you also know that they moved the pipeline so that now the only thing between the pipeline and the South Dakota border is the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation? If that pipeline breaks now, just 30 miles of North Dakota shoreline and waters will be affected. All the oil and chemicals will flow right downstream to the waters of South Dakota, while North Dakotans can thank their government for opposing the pipeline and keeping them safe.

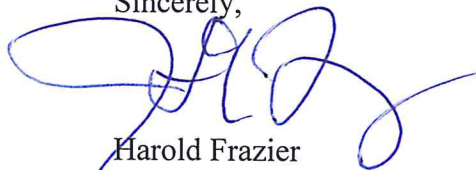
And did you know that when the Corps gave Dakota Access permission to build its pipeline so close to the South Dakota border that it was based on an Environmental Assessment—the lowest level of environmental scrutiny the federal government requires? Based on that Environmental Assessment, the Corps and the oil company determined there were not significant impacts to the environment.

But did you know that, even though the pipeline crosses the Missouri just 30 miles above the South Dakota border, there was no mention whatsoever of any impact to the State of South Dakota if the pipeline breaks?

You must not have known all of these things, otherwise I cannot fathom why you would be fighting against your own people—citizens of South Dakota—who are working to protect this State from harm and fighting instead shoulder-to-shoulder with the State of North Dakota for the Dakota Access Pipeline. Unlike North Dakota, South Dakota won't get rich off this pipeline, but we will bear all of the burden of any harm.

Now that you know all of facts, I urge you to withdraw any South Dakota law enforcement and any South Dakota resources that are supporting the oil company in North Dakota. Governor Daugaard, it's time for you join me and to stand up for South Dakota.

Sincerely,



Harold Frazier
Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe