



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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David Archambault II  
Chairman  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
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Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538

Dear Chairman Archambault,

We write of behalf the 26 member Tribal Nations of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) to express our strong support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). We stand in solidarity with you, our brothers and sisters, in the fight to protect what is sacred.

USET member Tribal Nations share Standing Rock's deep concerns regarding the deleterious impacts of the pipeline. If allowed to proceed, DAPL has the potential to cause irreparable harm to public health, water quality, and sacred sites. As Tribal governments and Native people, we are charged with the protection of our citizens, those who live now and the generations to come. We are also called to protect the lands that hold the bones of our ancestors. We cannot stand by as both are desecrated in the name of profit, and without regard to treaty and trust obligations.

USET calls upon the Army Corps of Engineers to immediately withdraw its approval of the DAPL and begin consultation with the Standing Rock Sioux and other affected Tribal Nations. If the project is to move forward, it must happen without impact to the Tribal Nations of the Great Plains.

Please accept the enclosed check to aid you in your efforts to halt the construction of the DAPL and do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance. Like many arrows in a bundle, our strength is in our unity, and USET stands united with the Standing Rock Sioux.

Sending prayers for the health and well-being of your Nation and all who are engaged in this righteous battle.

Sincerely,

Brian Patterson  
President

Kitcki A. Carroll  
Executive Director

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*