



National Council of Urban Indian Health



August 26, 2016

Chairman Dave Archambault II
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Building #1, Standing Rock Avenue
P.O. Box D
Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538

Dear Chairman Archambault II,

On behalf of the National Council of Urban Indian Health, I am writing this letter in support of your opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

We stand in opposition with you as we recognize that this project along with other pipeline projects have irreversible harmful impacts on our water, sacred lands, environment and impact the water rights for seven generations. We recognize that this pipeline will not only effect your tribe but many other tribes and other U.S. Citizens along the Missouri River.

As an Urban Indian from Michigan, I have seen the impact that decisions surrounding water can have when the rights and needs of citizens are not taken into account. In Flint, Michigan, a poor decision regarding the water has caused long term health impacts and has actually caused the state more money to cover both the infrastructure needs and the health needs of the community.

NCUIH and Urban Indian leaders have protested both in North Dakota and Washington, DC. We believe that reasonable steps were not taken to either inform or confer with the tribal nations who were going to be impacted by this pipeline. We also believe that our government leaders need to fulfill their trust responsibility to the tribal nations and protect the health and wellbeing of our people. We stand in solidarity with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Tuomi".

Ashley Tuomi

NCUIH Board President