



# THE NAVAJO NATION

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Chairman Dave Archambault II  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Building #1, Standing Rock Avenue  
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**Re: Dakota Access Pipeline**

Honorable Chairman Archambault:

We send this letter to notify the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe that the Navajo Nation is in support of your efforts regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. I know there are many Navajos that are currently in North Dakota area standing along with your tribal members and others. We have been receiving daily reports from our People on your progress and brave efforts.

The protection of our sacred sites and water is of the utmost importance to all tribes, as it is to the Navajo Nation. This is a fight that all tribes have faced and the Navajo Nation has faced and faces even today within our own lands. I am proud to see so many other tribes come to support your efforts because it is time tribes finally stand against these threats to our lands. We will be heard because we are one, not one as a tribal nation but one as Native people.

Continue to fight the good fight and pave the path for all of our futures. We send our prayers and know that the Navajo Nation stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. Furthermore, in support of your efforts the Navajo Nation will be sending water and other food items for those who are there with you.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION

Russell Begaye, *President*

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