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Governor Jack Dalrymple
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Colonel John W. Henderson
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1616 Capitol Ave., Ste. 9000
Omaha, NE 68102

Dear Governor Dalrymple and Colonel Henderson,

Amnesty International is deeply concerned that the decisions to close federal land north of the Cannonball River violate the human rights of Indigenous communities and others opposed to the Dakota Access Pipeline, including the right of Indigenous Peoples to access land where they have sacred sites, and the right to peaceful protest within sight and sound of their focus, the pipeline construction. Therefore, Amnesty International urges you to amend or rescind the evacuation orders to ensure human rights are not violated.

We also reiterate our request that independent human rights observers of Amnesty International USA, other observers and journalists be provided permission to conduct their work on the Corps-managed federal property north of the Cannonball River without risk of arrest for trespassing. If that permission is granted, please provide Amnesty International USA with a formal letter noting this permission and please notify all relevant law enforcement.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Huang'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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