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PRESS RELEASE

**COMMENTS FROM
STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DAVE ARCHAMBAULT, II
REGARDING ARGUMENT IN DISTRICT COURT ON TRIBE'S
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AGAINST
DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE**

Washington, DC (August 24, 2016) - Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault, II releases the following statement regarding arguments heard on the Tribe's Motion for Preliminary Injunction against Dakota Access Pipeline in the District Court for the District of Columbia:

“We are pleased that we had our day in Court today, and we look forward to a ruling soon. I believe that everyone who attended the hearing today will understand that the Tribe is seeking fundamental justice here—as we seek to protect our waters and our sacred sites.

Second, whatever the final outcome in court I believe we have already established an important principle—that is tribes will be heard on important matters that affect our vital interests. The companies and the federal government now know that they cannot ignore tribes—like they tried to do with the Dakota Access Pipeline. I believe that we have established an important precedent, and that in the future, Indian voices will be heard before the federal government acts.

Third, I believe we have set the foundation for the future in terms of tribal unity. We have seen the power of tribes coming together in unity and prayer and we will continue to pray for the protection of water, mother earth and her creation, as well as all past and future generations. And I look forward to strengthening the Oceti Sakowin and the Council lodge. Most of all, these steps in unity must be done in the right way—which means that we must remain proud and peaceful. I want to

emphasize once again—as I have throughout this matter—that there is no place for violence or threats or unlawful activity in what we do. We must stay unified in peace and in prayer. That is the way we will provide a better life for generations to come.”

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Case No. 1:16-cv-01534-JEB, was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on July 27, 2016. For more information, please contact Steven Sitting Bear at ssittingbear@standingrock.org.