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To: president@whitehouse.gov; Peske, Barb A.; Glenn Emery, VP, Energy TRansfer Partners, L.P.; Link, Jody L.; Rauschenberger, Ron W.; Storbakken, Bonnie L.; Travnicsek, Andrea J.; Zent, Jeffrey L.
Subject: immediately cancel all plans to construct the Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear President Obama, and the staff of North Dakota's Governor's office,

Hello from California!

As you are undoubtedly well aware, all eyes are on the state of North Dakota now during these turbulent times in the construction of the North Dakota Access oil pipeline. I am just writing to express my honest belief that this is such an excellent opportunity for the state of North Dakota and for the entire United States. As President Obama pointed out in his recent [State of the Union Address](#), is more than important, but actually critical for us as a human species, to begin "solving urgent challenges like climate change." The science is irrefutable. Anthropogenic climate change is happening, it is caused by increased greenhouse gas emissions, predominantly by the combustion of fossil fuels.

Given that, I find myself wondering, why is this dispute over the construction of an oil pipeline even happening in the United States in 2016? Do you realize what future generations will think when they look back on this time? The indigenous peoples who are protesting on behalf of the sanctity of their water supply are acting out of immediate survival. This fight for survival is exactly the type of struggle that our entire human race has to confront, sooner rather than later. North Dakota should leverage this moment and take a stand in support of a new era of energy independence, in which we no longer indefinitely invest on continued consumption of unsustainable fossil fuels.

I urge you to consider turning the international embarrassment of this situation into a decisive act of rationality and foresight. Do everything that you can to honor the requests of the tribes whose water access to potable would be put at risk by this pipeline. And do everything that you can to make sure future generations have a habitable planet. And do everything that you can to ensure that in 2016, we are investing in the energy infrastructure of the FUTURE and not the past. Thus, I urge you to CANCEL the Dakota Access Pipeline immediately.

Sincerely,
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P.S. Lastly, these peaceful protesters are exercising their constitutional rights and should not be harmed in any way for interrupting construction on this oil pipeline. The world is watching. Do the right thing.

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