

**TITLE: Divesting From Banks Supporting the Dakota Access Pipeline**

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WHEREAS: The \$3.78 Billion, 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline would carry over half a million barrels of heavy crude oil from the Bakken oil fields in North Dakota, through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois to connect to other pipelines bringing oil to the East Coast and the Gulf; and

WHEREAS: the pipeline is slated to pass through the tribal lands of Standing Rock Sioux near Cannon Ball, North Dakota, and underneath the Missouri River, the main source of water for the tribe, explicitly against the tribe's stated wishes; and

WHEREAS: the pipeline desecrates the ancestral burial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux; and

WHEREAS: energy development projects constitute a key mechanism by which the sovereignty of Native American tribes is further undermined following centuries of active colonization; and

WHEREAS: millions of workers, including many union members, and their families and communities live in the path of the proposed pipeline; and

WHEREAS: the transport of heavy crude is particularly volatile, leading to 18.4 million gallons of oils and chemicals spilled, leaked, or released into the air, land, and waterways between 2006 and 2014 in North Dakota alone, causing death, contamination of soil and water, and disease of many kinds; and

WHEREAS: scientists have warned that in order to avoid wide-scale, catastrophic climate disruption, the vast majority of known remaining fossil fuel reserves must be left untouched and "in the ground;" and

WHEREAS: Native Americans and other activists defending their land and water have the same right to defend their land and engage in protest as workers who are protesting the actions of an unfair employer; and

WHEREAS: catastrophic climate change presents a far greater threat to the livelihoods of workers; and

WHEREAS: there are currently 17 banks\* which are funding the Dakota Access Pipeline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That AFSCME Local 88 joins in solidarity with Native American water protectors and their allies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That AFSCME Local 88 will close out all bank accounts and investments with any bank that is on the list of banks supporting/funding the Dakota Access Pipeline by ~~December 31, 2016~~ (amended by motion) February 28, 2017, and transfer those funds to one or more Oregon banks or credit unions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That AFSCME Local 88 will create and distribute a Press Release stating why our Union is taking this action.

\* SOURCE: [\*"How to Contact the 17 Banks Funding the Dakota Access Pipeline"\*](#)

Respectfully Submitted by:  
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