

**BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**  
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Steve Sitting Bear  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
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Dear Mr. Sitting Bear,

The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria would like to stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and other tribes in strong opposition to the encroachment of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline on their homelands.

Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes that the construction and operation of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline threatens sites of great historic, religious and cultural significance as it crosses ancestral lands of the Great Sioux Nation. All Tribes have the inherent right and responsibility to protect those ancestral lands.

The Bear River Tribal Council hereby urges the Secretary of Interior, Salley Jewell and the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts to take any and all steps necessary to protect the environment and water resources of the Standing Rock Sioux and all other Missouri River Tribes.

Sincerely,

Barry Brenard, Chairman  
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria

cc: Salley Jewell, Secretary of the Interior  
Lawrence Roberts, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs