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There are a few reasons why I support the right of indigenous people of North Dakota to preserve their culture heritage and access to clean water as it is state in the bill HCR104.

The right to practice any religion is defined in our Constitution in 1776, and such a sacred site like the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is where many local people still visit for their belief in their ancient religion and culture. Disrupting the site also means the violation of the right to practice religion of Dakota's citizens, in which, it should be forbidden by the democracy government. Mo Tzu described that men who only have regards for themselves to cause disorder (Baird, p. 365, 2006), and in this case Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners is causing much harm to others to gain their profits in exporting oils. The second reason is that water is one of the fundamental to the survive of human, and taking such a fundamental element away from a group of human is an act that produce evil to someone else. Like Mill in his book "On Liberty", he claimed that those action must be justify by the government power, and they must use their power to prevent harm to others. (Sterba p.337, 2003).

Not by any means, the benefits of any others will outweigh the value of any other humans. Therefore, I support the bill of HCR104.

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