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Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

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To Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and committee members,

On behalf of our more than 550 registered members, we would like to express our strong support for House Concurrent Resolution (HCR)104 and House Resolution (HR)62. We support these resolutions expressing solidarity with the people at Standing Rock, because we recognize that the issues and challenges faced by the Lakota and other indigenous American nations on the continent are the same as those faced by our own indigenous people here in Hawai‘i—on Mauna Kea, in East Maui, on Kaua‘i and all across the state—and the same as those faced by indigenous peoples around the world.

Mauna Kea; Palestine; the struggle of the Tohono O'odham down at the Mexican border (who are preparing to resist any efforts to build Mr. Trump's proposed wall through their land); struggles against the Trans-Pecos Pipeline, the Plains Pipeline in Oklahoma, the Sabal Trail Pipeline in Florida; struggles against the construction of new refineries being proposed near Philadelphia; and the struggle against brutal environmental racism at Oak Flat in Arizona—these are just a few examples of indigenous struggles to preserve ways of life that date back millennia all around the world, and to fight for the human right to clean water, habitable land and a world worth living in.

The conflict at Standing Rock was set against a backdrop of global climate change in which the actions of rapacious transnational corporations continue to make fresh water scarcer and threaten to ignite civil unrest on a far grander scale than we have seen, possibly ever. The stakes represented by the movements at Standing Rock—and at Mauna Kea—could not be higher.

And while indigenous people are on the front lines of the climate struggle, because our neoliberal socioeconomic system has forced them to be—we must recognize that this struggle is really all of ours. It is all of our kuleana to stand with and support indigenous resistance to erasure and to fight with all of our strength against the environmental rape of our planet perpetrated by rampant neoliberal capitalism. Or there will be nothing left of this planet for future generations.

All around the world, indigenous people and young people are waking up and realizing that now is the time to act. With a political consciousness that is grounded in indigenous worldviews, a connection to the global community via the most modern of communication technologies, and an urgent cause taken up in a time when the ecological balance of the entire planet is so precarious, the elements that the people of Standing Rock fight for—water, land, spirit—are key to our survival as a species.

Within days of being sworn into office, President Donald Trump ordered the Army Corps of Engineers to fast-track the permit process for the Dakota Access Pipeline project, ignoring environmental review mechanisms and utterly solidifying the federal stance that indigenous rights, culture and knowledge are insignificant before the onslaught of Western wealth extraction. The eviction notice was sent to the camps at Standing Rock and, within 48 hours, the protectors were forcibly removed by a militarized police force. Before they withdrew, however, the protectors set their tents, tipis and yurts ablaze.

An *Esquire* magazine headline from the following day read, “The Standing Rock Fire Is Visible All Over the United States.” In actuality, it was visible far beyond the borders of America—a visceral representation of the fire that protectors in Hawai‘i and North Dakota have already lit within the hearts and minds of indigenous people and their allies around the world. It’s time for Hawaii to officially take a stand in support and solidarity of these struggles, beginning at Standing Rock, but—we hope—expanding to encompass the full, global scope of these struggles. We must recognize that we are all connected, and that what affects the least among us, truly, affects us all.



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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 104/HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 62, EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR  
THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO PRESERVE  
THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER.**

**House Committee on Judiciary  
Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Hon. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair**

**Thursday, March 23, 2017, 2:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

Honorable Chair Nishimoto and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 350 members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in strong support of HCR 104/HR 62, expressing the support of the state of Hawai'i for the rights of the indigenous people of North Dakota to preserve their cultural heritage and access to clean water.

In January, President Donald Trump signed executive orders allowing the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipeline projects to move forward. Protestors, known as Water Protectors, have rallied against the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline for months, which is being routed beneath Lake Oahe, located near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. Lake Oahe, in turn, is the only source of water for the reservation. If the water becomes contaminated, people living on the reservation will have no alternative water source.

Make no mistake, contamination is a real threat. In 2010, 843,000 gallons of oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River in Minnesota after a pipe burst. In 2013, 865,000 gallons spilled onto farmland after a separate North Dakota pipeline broke. Since 1995, there have been more than 2,000 significant accidents involving pipelines carrying crude oil and refined petroleum products in the United States, causing approximately \$3 billion in property damage, according to data from the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. That's an average of a little over 100 per year. After dipping to 77 in 2009, the annual figure has spiked to over 120.

Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, which will carry 470,000 barrels per day across the Dakotas into Iowa and Illinois, was halted after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

denied Energy Transfer Partners, the company behind the pipeline, permission to tunnel under a portion of land north of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation without further environmental impact assessments. President Trump used to be invested in Energy Transfer Partners, but sold his \$50,000 stake in the company last summer. Nonetheless (and unsurprisingly), Energy Transfer Partners CEO Kelcy Warren donated \$100,000 to the Trump Victory Fund, a joint fundraising effort by the Trump campaign, the Republican National Committee, and state Republican parties.

The Dakota Access Pipeline is not a job creator, as Trump and Energy Transfer Partners contend. To the contrary, the economic benefits of the pipeline are minimal at best. As environmental author and researcher Jonathan Thompson wrote in November of 2016:

Construction on the pipeline is about 85 percent complete and it has, indeed, put people to work. Yet it is not clear how many new jobs have been created since the jobs are spread out over 1,000 miles. Rural towns along the pipeline's corridor have reported a boost in hotel and campground occupancy rates as the contractors move through. That, in turn, generates sales and lodging tax revenues for the local governments. The boost, however, won't last. In a few months, when (and if) construction is complete, the workers and their spending money will depart. The finished pipeline will require just 40 permanent maintenance and operational jobs along its entire stretch.

Thompson also noted that the Dakota pipeline will not spur domestic production enough to measurably offset the 5.2 million barrels of oil the United States imports each day and, therefore, won't substantially advance energy independence. The project will, however, reinforce American dependence on carbon-emitting fossil fuels.

Hawai'i knows better. We understand the need to protect our indigenous populations, both in the islands and throughout the nation. We've enacted meaningful renewable energy policy, setting a goal for our state of becoming 100 percent clean energy reliant by 2045. We have a responsibility to express our allyship with those who are fighting for the values we share and whose ancestral lands are being threatened by the violence of Big Oil. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.

Sincerely,  
Kris Coffield  
*Executive Director*  
IMUAlliance

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Maxine Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT this statement from the Hawaii legislature.

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KaNani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of the House Judiciary committee. I am in support of HCR104/HR62. Being that I am part Hawaiian, I identify and recognize the rights of indigenous people. The situation at Standing Rock is utterly foul and disgusting. The individuals, who have stood in solidarity with the Sioux, have witnessed the atrocity not only against the indigenous people, but also against basic human rights. Those who have protested at Standing Rock have bared not only the elements of this past Winter, but the “crackdown” of the local sheriff department. Those who were protesting during the Winter were shot down with water, which led to many individuals developing pneumonia or going into hypothermia being that the temperature in North Dakota was below zero. It is amazing to me that the current administration is so quick to nullify the previous administration’s order for an environmental assessment. Of course, I do not find it that surprising; it is no secret that President Trump is for fossil fuel sources. The current situation is this: America is a democracy, but it seems that the interests of one man and a few companies are far greater than the concerns of the public. With that, I urge the committee to support this measure so that the State of Hawaii sets an example for the rest of the Nation that we do not tolerate, and we recognize, the injustices faced by the Sioux. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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John Honda	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Water is life!! Thank you Tulsi

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HR 62 and HCR 104 which expresses that the State of Hawaii stands in solidarity with the indigenous people of North Dakota to preserve their cultural heritage and right to clean water.

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Thomas Baldwin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We must support the indigenous people of North Dakota. The early days of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests saw Native Hawaiian activists and Hawai'i lawmakers joining in to demonstrate their solidarity. The state ought to follow these activists and express our solidarity behind the indigenous community too. If access to a secure source of clean water is just, and it is, then we must pass this resolution. If allowing indigenous people to preserve their cultural heritage is just, and it is, then we must pass this resolution. Mahalo

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