

November 15, 2016

William H. Rodgers Jr., CEO
SunTrust Bank
303 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30308

Cc: Sue Mallino, Chief Communications Officer

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

As a customer of SunTrust, we find it unconscionable that our money is supporting the Dakota Access pipeline, an inherently dangerous and unjust oil pipeline that endangers the vital Missouri River and violates sacred lands of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) – with your investment of SunTrust customer dollars – has hired private security forces and conspired with law enforcement from multiple states to pepper-spray, mace, beat, taser, and use bean bag projectiles and rubber bullets to shoot unarmed individuals on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation in an attempt to intimidate, injure and subdue Indigenous water protectors and quell resistance to this dangerous project.

Despite a request to halt construction from the President, three federal agencies and multiple international human rights groups, Energy Transfer Partners has been unwilling to consider rerouting of the pipeline away from the Sioux's sacred lands and only water source. Just last week, an Energy Transfer Partners spokesperson stated ETP was mobilizing horizontal drilling equipment to tunnel under the Lake Oahe reservoir on the Missouri River – threatening water quality for 8 million people downstream. This pipeline project has already resulted in the desecration of sacred Indigenous land and, if allowed to proceed, will be a direct attack on Indigenous sovereignty in a long tradition of colonial and genocidal aggression.

Your institution has invested \$435, 015, 334 (\$4.3 Million) in the Dakota Access Pipeline, which includes direct project loans as well as credit to Energy Transfer Equity, Energy Transfer Partners, and Sunoco Logistics. Other financiers are reconsidering their support of this project given the human rights abuses that are occurring at Standing Rock. As SunTrust customers we call on you to do the same. We urge you to give up your financial stake in the Dakota Access pipeline immediately.

If SunTrust does not divest from the Dakota Access Pipeline we pledge to close all accounts with your financial institution and permanently sever our relationship with SunTrust, as well as encourage others to do the same.

We request a meeting with you to discuss this urgent concern before the Thanksgiving holiday. We know that you believe SunTrust has an important role to play in the communities it serves. But it should not destroy other communities in order to do so.

Sincerely,

Moki Macías
Everette Thompson
Evelyn Lynn
Melissa O'Shields

Warren Lee
Bonnie Young
Deanna Parker
Jonathan Knope

Tityana Robinson
Elizabeth Anderson
Grace Kim

SunTrust Customer Pledges

"As a customer of SunTrust, I reject the use of my money helping to support your investment in the Dakota Access pipeline, an inherently dangerous and unjust oil pipeline that threatens air and water quality in many states, and violates sacred lands of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. I urge you to give up your financial stake in the Dakota Access pipeline immediately. If SunTrust does not divest from the pipeline project I pledge to close all accounts and permanently sever my relationship with this bank as well as encourage others to do the same."

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