



**Lakota People's**  
LAW PROJECT

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Dear ...,

**If you've been with us for some time, you've witnessed our struggle at Standing Rock to stop the Dakota Access pipeline and the Anishinaabe resistance to the Line 3 pipeline.** You've been a friend to us, and you've come to know many Indigenous water and land protectors fighting for our sacred lands and waterways. What you may not know is that, for years, [our Wet'suwet'en relatives have undertaken a similar struggle](#) in their own territory, to our north in what we now call Canada. They need our attention and support, too.



*Militarized enforcement against our Wet'suwet'en relatives by Royal Canadian Mounted Police looks all too familiar to those of us in the anti-pipeline movement.*

On Friday, Nov 19, 21, [Royal Canadian Mounted Police raided an Indigenous-led blockade](#) with dogs and assault rifles. They arrested two journalists and at least 13 others at the frontlines, the latest in a series of arrests dating back to 2019.

**The Wet'suwet'en are doing all they can to stop construction of TransCanada's 670km Coastal GasLink pipeline, because a third of this pipeline would cross their homelands on its way to a facility in coastal Kitimat.**

Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs have refused to give consent for the project, and, crucially, they have never signed a formal treaty with the provincial government or relinquished their land. Much like our #NoDAPL fight, this is both an environmental and a sovereignty issue; the Wet'suwet'en are also attempting to protect sensitive headwaters.

In September, they put out a call for support, and this newsletter is an amplification of that call. I ask that, for now, you please [visit their page](#) to get more up to speed. As we go forward, the Lakota People's Law Project will keep our eyes on things, and — just as so many did for us at Standing Rock — we'll stand with our First Nations relatives in the best way we can.

*Wopila tanka* — thank you for supporting our struggle against Big Extraction!  
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