

Statement from United American Indians of New England

Once again we the indigenous people of this hemisphere lose all that we hold sacred.

All that we know sustains us.

The land. The water. The air.

The creator gave us a place and told us to be care takers. Not takers.

To jail a woman or any person who dared to stand against those who oppress only for profit violates all conscience. To jail anyone for caring for that which sustains all of us makes not a criminal. The criminals are those who oppress.

Nelson Mandela said, *"I was made, by the law, a criminal, not because of what I had done, but because of what I stood for, because of what I thought, because of my conscience."*

—Moonanum James

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