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TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members
Department of Land & Natural Resources

FR: Jennifer Leina'ala Sleightholm
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RE: Request to be admitted as a party in the contested case hearing for CDUP HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope in the Mauna Kea Lands, Ka'ohe, Hamakua District, Island of Hawai'i. TMK (3) 4-4-015:009

I'm requesting to be admitted as a party to the above mentioned contested case hearing, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules 13-1-31. This request should be granted because: (1) Requestor has a property interest in the lands of Mauna Kea through exercise of Native Hawaiian traditional and custom practices; (2) Requestor will be affected by the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope project and has an interest in the proceedings that are clearly distinguishable from the general public; (3) Requestor has a substantial interest in the proceedings; (4) Requestor's participation will substantially assist the board in its decision making; (5) Requestor's position is not substantially the same as any existing parties to the proceedings; and (6) Requestor's participation will add substantially new relevant information and will not make the proceedings inefficient and unmanageable.

Requestor's specific, substantial interests in the contested case proceedings also consists as follows: I am a Native Hawaiian, born and raised in Hawai'i for the past 42 years. My genealogy directly links me to Mauna Kea. I participate in, and conduct religious and cultural practices taking place in and on numerous areas of Mauna Kea, which include the proposed site of the Thirty Meter Telescope. Am an active member of the Ku Kia'i Mauna 'ohana, and Mauna Kea 'ohana, one of those arrested on April 2, 2015 while in ceremony on Mauna Kea, and again on September 9, 2015 while in ceremony on Mauna Kea in the evening hours. I'm also a hula dancer, who dances, chants and sings about Mauna Kea. I also help with community education relating to everything from the mountains to the ocean as everything is connected, and cannot be dissected and treated as separate.

My family, and I will be negatively impacted by the Thirty Meter Telescope because there will be irreversible desecration and disturbance of the rocks, and surrounding landscape which is considered to be our "church". This would cause deep spiritual trauma that cannot be quantified. Our water aquifers will be poisoned by the underground chemical storage containers when leakage/seepage occurs, and or the rust, and oil from construction equipment and telescope leaks into the earth. The Thirty Meter Telescope would alter the aesthetics, and landscape. These things cannot be undone.

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