



EMAIL SUPPORT LETTERS PLEASE

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Aloha,

We are in need of your support as UH Hilo seeks to renew master lease of Mauna Kea with DNLR. Please help get the request out to friends and family.

Attached is agenda (ITEM # 5) and sample talking point ideas to draft support letters.

The theme is best management, not economic development, or jobs.

We need as much letters sent in or better if Oahu friends go in person and testify.

We need people to attend and fill the room. If the testifier is a native Hawaiian better, it might be good to start with a statement, I am Hawaiian. If they have genealogical ties to the mountain, it is good background for members of the BLNR to know this.

Below are ideas talking points to draft your own letters.

Culture

Mauna Kea is majestic.

Culturally and environmentally significant (please avoid the use the term sacred).

Mauna Kea it is the birthplace of the native people of Hawaii originated – it is where Hawaiians can look to move forward culture and as a people (you know what I mean)

It is the portal to the universe – a place to study the stars, the stars that led our ancestors to these islands. It is a proper place to continue to study the heavens. A place where our children and children's children can come to study the heavens from which we came from.

Don't force our children and future generations of children to go to Chile or the mainland to study the stars when they can and have a right to study them here in their homeland.

Mauna Kea is giving and sharing– it gave its people the material to make their tools, prized throughout the islands; to survive; It wants to share- as it was created, it is the best place in the world to study the universe

Mauna Kea represents the future of our people; we respect the value and significance of our cultural heritage; we should look to the mountains significance and cultural value to guide and provide us, the native people of this land, to move forward, the mountain should not be valued for looking only at the past and

keeping us from moving forward/progressing.

Our culture is living and vibrant, we must evolve to survive; that means making changes with the times, with nature and circumstances.

If you look at history, we as a culture adapted to the times of the day, adopting new things into our culture – Kalaukua, for example modernized installing electricity; sent Hawaiian youth to study abroad, embraced technology, astronomy included. We as a people evolved. We continue to evolve.

Shouldn't just look to the past, but use the past to strengthen our people

Management

There is new management; good management; community participation

The mountain has been better managed than the decades leading up to 2000. UH has made the commitment to manage.

BLNR oversees UH's management by approving the cmp and subplans and requiring UH to report to the BLNR every year about the management of the mountain

A new lease ensures that Mauna Kea will continue to be managed to protect the resources – cultural, natural and scientific – for generations to come

(UH and the observatories maintain the road for public access; provides a visitor information and comfort station.

Maintains a presence on the mountain with rangers to help protect the resources and look out for the health and safety of those visiting the mountain, including search and rescue

Science

Ties in a little with the culture.

Mauna Kea represents opportunities for our children who wish to pursue careers in the archaeology and anthropology, engineering, biological and physical science. No need to go away from Hawaii to study – they can do it here

Hawaii, including Mauna Kea, is a natural laboratory for research – our kids can excel in all kinds of fields – why not on Mauna Kea?

If our kids want to study astronomy, why are you forcing them to go to Chile? They have a right to access and partake what Mauna Kea has to offer just as much as a cultural practitioner or hula halau has to chant.

just some ideas friends can email letters also below.

Please invite others to participate on this project.

UHH should be allowed to continue to manage the Mauna.

Written testimony may be submitted in one of the following ways:

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let me know of head count if attending in person and if they need help with a letter.