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BLNR
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Don Hall, Director
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Re: Cultural Review Committee for Mauna Kea Summit Area

Dear Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hall:

I am writing in my capacity as the Kā'aina of Ka'ahui Hawai'i to request your support for the establishment of a Cultural Review Committee for the Mauna Kea Summit Area. There has been and will continue to be a great deal of concern expressed by the local native community regarding the developments of the Mauna Kea summit. These concerns stem from the significant cultural, sacred and religious impact of the area.

Periodically, issues arise which involve burials, public and private use of the areas, historic sites and endangered endemic species. I believe it would be beneficial for a Cultural Review Committee to be created to work with BLNR, the Institute for Astronomy and others with jurisdiction in the area which such issues arise.

I am working with the National Parks Service on a similar committee which was assembled with the assistance of the Park Service to assist them on cultural issues. This approach has been invaluable in that many potential problems have been resolved and there is now a good working relationship with the community and the National Parks Service.

Such a committee would be an ad hoc, volunteer group. I do not believe it needs a budget or statutory authority. I would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to explore this concept. I have discussed this matter with Nelson Ho of the Sierra Club, Allen Kusanoki the site manager, Pua and Edward Kanahele of the Edith Kanakaole Foundation and others who support the idea and are willing to discuss it further.

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Please contact me at your earliest convenience. Perhaps we could have a meeting on this on Big Island in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Ka Lahui Hawai‘i

cc: Ben Cayetano
    Allen Kusanuki
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    Ed Kanahele