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To: Suzanne D. Case - Chairperson, Keith "Keone" Downing - At-Large Member, James A Gomes - Maui Member, Samuel "Ohu" Don III-O'ahu Member,  
Thomas Oi - Kauai Member, Stanley H. Roehrig - Hawaii Member, & Christopher Yuen -At Large Member

Dear Land Board,

I believe we can honor the honorable late Senator Gil Kahele for his tireless work in another way besides renaming the Mauna Kea Recreation Area.

A. Keep the name as is because the name is descriptive. You do not need any more information to figure out where it is. It just makes sense.

B. If someone is giving directions it is much easier to remember Mauna Kea Recreation Area, and easier for the recipient of those directions.

C. As humans we are just passing through. Future generations will not remember Gil Kahele in spite of his great contributions. The name Mauna Kea will always stick unless we decide to rename Mauna Kea after another human. Wouldn't that be ridiculous? We do not need to be so arrogant as to name everything after ourselves as the world does not revolve around us.

D. Would Gil Kahele want the name change. I have my doubts.

E. It costs money to make the change. Surely we must have some higher priorities for spending? So, as people, we do a small thing like this to make us feel good because it is much harder to get the big and important things done. Isn't there some truth there? Please think as if you were spending your own money even though it feels good to do this, and no one will complain if you change the name. You don't have to worry if you don't, and you won't be crucified by anyone.

Finally, I believe we should erect a fine plaque at the park in honor of Senator Gil Kahele's contributions. Certainly he deserves it and his family can be proud for generations. Therefore I say, keep the name the same and honor the man as well.

Thank You for listening.

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