

**From:** [CYNTHIA LEA ANDERSON](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:11:16 PM

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I, Cynthia Smith, Rio Smith, Luka Smith. & Justin Smith, oppose D2.

We live at kawaihoa and use kahuku track as it is a joy for our family as recreation and time together. We and many others would be disheartened to see this taken away from the community. Please sincerely consider the community as a whole as there is so little left to us all. Family and community first.

Thank you

**From:** [Kiana Aniya](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Kiana Aniya , oppose D2.

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**From:** [Austin, Rebecca A](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:15:05 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state-leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Rebecca Austin, Maui Kihei

*Undergraduate Psychology*

*Minor Indigenous Studies*

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**From:** [Chella Ayala](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
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I OPPOSE D2 and beg the state of Hawaii to leave the lands of Kahuku etc open to public use and not sell off to the US military - this place is such an important and special space for the community and friends of the island of Oahu to be and taking action that bars public access would be devastating to everyone and generations to come and wouldn't represent the aloha spirit! Thank you for hearing us.

**From:** [Travis Baguio](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:23:03 PM

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I, Travis Baguio, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Yamilah Bhyat](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
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**I OPPOSE D2** and support the rights Native Hawaiians have to their land.

— Yamilah Bhyat (Republic of South Africa)

**From:** [Shelley Blaisdell](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
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I Rochelle Blaisdell oppose D2.

Rochelle



**From:** [keone blomfield](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, keone blomfield ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Owen Bonesteel](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, (owen bonesteel), oppose D2.

**From:** [dylan boothe](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:00:55 PM

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I, dylan boothe, oppose D2.

Current and future generations deserve a place to ride motocross and Enduro. It has kept many a youth on the right path through life.

**From:** [Meredith Buck](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:09:38 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pōhakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pōhakuloa include critically endangered plant habitat and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require utmost care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats in danger. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is only one example of military negligence that has threatened ecosystems within the Pōhakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this 'āina is painful to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Mahalo,

Meredith Buck  
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**From:** [John Burtch](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, John burtch, oppose D2. It would be really sad if they shut down a recreational park. Families and friends go there every weekend to enjoy the park. I myself have been going there from when I was a kid. I also took my kids for 13 years so we could enjoy some family time. They not only enjoyed the park but also raced dirt bikes. Lots and lots of memories and fun times up there. We also made a lot of friends. It would be a huge disappointment if we lost that park. Where would the kids go and enjoy what they love. Riding dirt bikes and hanging out with friends. Please think twice about your decision !!! Plus that's gonna create a lot of problems with illegal riding. Again I oppose the sale of kahuku dirt bike park!!!

Mahalo...

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**From:** [Chazton Gauj](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
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I OPPOSE D2!!!

**From:** [Cody Marion](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:06:35 PM  
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I, Cody Marion, oppose D2.

Thanks,



**Cody Marion**

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**From:** [Cody Marion](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Cody Marion, oppose D2.



**From:** [Nakoa Cash](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I nakoa oppose D2 because my family and friend go to the track every week it's open and people all around the island go to. My main problem with this to is that everyone is always saying how dirt bikers are disrespectful and always ruin things like land and other stuff but they want to get rid of our one and only track where do they expect us to ride? It's almost like they want us to ride outlaw and get in trouble. Or even worst get our bikes taken or get arrested.

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**From:** [Jia Cashon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose item D-2: please protect Hawaii's land and communities  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:23:43 PM

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Aloha, I am writing to oppose item D-2 on the agenda for the upcoming BLNR meeting item which pertains to the appraisal of lands, leased by the United States Army. I honestly think that the military (and probably you) will give no disregard anyways and have probably already started moving in but this is my attempt at using my voice to see if it still works. The United States Army should honor its original agreement made at the end of the World War II. For more than 80 years, they've occupied these lands, pledging to restore them to their original state. It's high time they honor this pledge, repairing the damage inflicted, prioritizing land protection and community welfare. Please resist expanding military presence and focus on minimizing their impact, aligning with principles of stewardship and sustainability for generations to come. This is something that has been begged for by the community for so long and I wonder how much longer until enough is enough. Maybe people are busy trying to struggle and survive in their own lives to not take time to submit testimony but ask anyone and you will hopefully hear one day.

Mahalo for taking the time to read and consider.  
Resident of Manoa Valley

-Jia Cashon

**From:** [ruben\\_cavazos](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:02:50 PM

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I, Ruben Cavazos, oppose D2.

Give riders a place to gather and build a community

**From:** [Lindsey caldwell](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:07:54 PM

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Hello,

Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands!

The military has done nothing but prove time and time again that they are not proper stewards of these lands and should not be here at all. The bombing of native Hawaiian lands for the war games of the occupying government shouldn't even be allowed as a lease let alone as full ownership. Red Hill, kahoolawe and the current destruction of pohakuloa (Hawaiian homes land) should be enough to say no and not even let it get this far.

Vote no against D.2!

Thank you  
Lindsey Caldwell

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**From:** [Jarick Crawford](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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Oppose Jarick AUKUKINO Crawford  
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**From:** [Jhanai Cruz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jhanai Cruz, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Millicent Cummings](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for DLNR's land deal with the Military  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:55:35 PM

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Aloha!

As evidenced by all the lawsuits that have been successful in holding the United States Military accountable for its derelictions and violations of law regarding its maltreatment and neglect of Pohakuloa Training Area, it causes one to wonder why the DLNR would even consider any kind of "land Deal" whatsoever. Add to this the fact that the DLNR has no authority to make such a deal to begin with as it has never been able to produce a lawful deed to the land in question, rendering the whole situation nonsensical.

Until the DLNR can produce a record of purchase agreement or land title, this proposal is a moot point. As the Department of Justice has already established that there is no proof of Acquisition from the Hawaiian Kingdom and has officially in court used the term "Malama Aina" regarding the Army's lease, it stands to reason that if the Military does not even attempt to live up to its duties as a steward of the land, which they never, they would necessarily need to clean up and get out like any other tenant, especially one who pays only \$1 a year to lease 132,000 acres of Hawaiian real estate.

In any case, PTA sits on Conservation Land that needs to be protected, not defiled. To continue bombing an island where people actually live who are not enlisted in the Army and who never agreed to be guinea pigs for military toxification, experimentation and destruction is as reckless as it is unlawful. Many assert that this constitutes willful and wanton recklessness on the part of the DLNR to continue colluding and even facilitating the Military's land theft, pollution and desecration. The DNRL is not meeting its obligations to protect the land in accord with its mission statement as the multitude of adverse impacts that the PTA has incurred upon the environment, archeological sites, cultural and natural resources and endangered species that are well documented. Therefore, if the Mission Statement on the DLNR's official website has any merit or validity whatsoever, it will not proceed with such an about face betrayal of it.

For the DLNR to authorize the Chairperson to determine the "fair market value" of state conservation lands would be the quintessential opposite of attempting to, "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors," as it so boasts.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources has at once reprimanded the Military from one side of its mouth for issuing an incomplete EIS report that contains major data gaps, relies on outdated studies and fails to specify adequate mitigation measures, falling drastically short of meeting even minimum requirements of Hawaii state laws. While at the same time out of the other side of its mouth the DLNR considers a land deal with the Military which glaringly constitutes a serious conflict of interest. No deals of any sort should be made, or monies spent until all dangerous and verifiably deadly toxics are removed like Depleted Uranium that can become aerosolized during every live fire training in the air that military personnel, residents and visitors all breath.

As it would be a literal crime if this "deal" were to go through being that the Military would be able to avoid Public oversight and that of appropriate agencies, environmental rights groups and the Kanaka Maoli's direct participation and council, I request that the DLNR Cease and Desist participation and indeed, facilitation of continued reckless endangerment and breaches of both Law and Public Trust. I also request that the FPIC, Free, Prior and Informed Consent be taken into account, which is a global standard for Indigenous lands and there is NO, I will repeat NO consent for this "land deal", nor any lease extensions for that matter. Aloha Aina! Sincerely,

Millicent Cummings



**From:** [Destaney Peters](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D-2  
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I oppose D-2

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Destaney Peters

"Keep your face always towards the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you." -Whitman

**From:** [Elizabeth Dacuycuy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] item D-2  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit testimony in regards to Item D-2. I am firmly against the sale of Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaihoa and Makua to the military. They have leased the land for years upon years and have desecrated it enough. I was raised in Kahuku and spent my childhood and early adult years in the mountains around our neighborhood. It is sad to see how much things have changed- to the point that we can no longer access areas that were open to us in my younger years. It is my hope that the lands will be returned to local hands so that generations to come can enjoy it and help it flourish again. Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony.

Very Respectfully,

Elizabeth W. Dacuycuy

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**From:** [Tatiana Decker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Tatiana, oppose D2.

**From:** [BDEER808](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Brian Deer, strongly appose D2. Kahuku Motorcross Track is the only legal area on Oahu to ride off road motorcycles which I passionately participate in every weekend.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Brian Deer  
808-220-4585

**From:** [Keoni DeFranco](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:29:38 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

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A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

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Keoni DeFranco, Waimanalo

**From:** [Carmela Desireau](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] April 12; Agenda Items F.2 and F.3 Testimony  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:49:19 PM

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I, Carmela Desireau of Honolulu, Oahu and I oppose the DAR plan to open any plans they have to take fish for the Aquarium trade.

My reasons include:

- DARs briefing document:
  - **Fails to mention negative impacts of aquarium collection.**
  - **Fails to disclose the massive loss in yellow tang populations due to aquarium collectors.**
  - **Fails to disclose that the take exceeds that of subsistence, recreational, and commercial fishers combined.**
  - **Ignores cultural concerns, enforcement challenges or climate change.**

**On the DAR Request to Redraft the Rule (Item F.3):**

- **Please uphold the December 8 vote and begin the rule process to end the trade.**
- **The trade violates culture and native Hawaiian values .**
- **All 46 moku in Hawaii oppose aquarium collecting.**
- **Hawaii residents get ZERO benefit from aquarium extraction but suffer the costs.**
- **70% of Hawaii reefs may die by 2030 due to climate change.**
- **Scientists agree that more herbivores will make a key difference and that DAR herbivore rules for food fish are weak.**
- **Any legal collection provides cover for poaching.**

**Please do the right thing and stop DAR now!**

**Thank-you and much mahalo for your actions.**

**Carmela Desireau**

**From:** [Chelsey Dickson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Item D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:10:30 PM

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Subject: Oppose Item  
D-2 Protect Hawaii land and communities

I am writing to oppose item D-2 on the agenda for the BLNR meeting. This item which pertains to the appraisal of lands leased by the United States army threatens the integrity of our precious Hawaiian lands and the well-being of our communities.

It is time for the United States army to honor its original agreement made at the end of World War II. With over 80 years of use of these lands - and promise to return the lands in their original condition. It is long overdue for them to fulfill this commitment and repair the damage they have caused!

I urge the BLNR to Reject item D-2.

Prioritize the protection of our lands and communities and uphold the values of stewardship and sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations.

Do not expand the military footprint in our islands!

Mahalo,

Chelsey Dickson  
Director, Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club  
Resident of Waimea, Hawaii



**From:** [Vincent Kanai Dodge](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BLNR Item D2  
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Aloha Kakou!

As uncle Eddie Kaanana taught this inclusive greeting recognizes not only all the human beings, but all the living beings that make up this `Aina family that we belong to.

My name is Vince Kana'i Dodge. Lualualei Valley Wai`anae moku is home. Today I speak on behalf of the community organization Malama Makua, the packing crew of Kahumana Farm, my extended ohana and the `Aina that holds us all.

Thank you, board members for the opportunity to speak with you and to water the seeds of reciprocity that live within each and everyone of you.

We speak to Agenda item D – 2:

Appraisals of `Aina that the US military has occupied, in the case of Makua Valley for more than 80 years, and used for bombing practice, and contaminated with unexploded ordinance, and other dangerous substances, for the purpose of doing an end run around applying for new leases and to initiate the negotiation for a land swap based on market value.

No, no no no no!

These `Aina are presently zoned preservation/conservation and so their market value will be minimal, and on top of that they have been bombed. In the case of Makua Valley, for more than 60 years, and they are all contaminated with exploded and unexploded ordinances.

This is Really great deal for the US military.

Really terrible deal for our `Aina and the people of Hawaii.

All these `Aina are deeply valued by the people that belong to them and all are sacred in their own right.

We, my Ohana and our organization, Malama Makua have deep Pilina with Makua Valley. Makua literally means parent. And the Valley has been like a mother to us. In recent years, she has made it known to us that she is a Piko of peace and justice. She is not some object to be appraised and then traded or sold. She is family to us and we are family to her. She is a part of mother Earth and we - all of us are the children of mother Earth.

Sparky Rodrigues shared with us a few years ago that Uncle Sam Kaai from Maui shared with him that the older word for Ohana is `Aina. `Aina is mother Earth.

Our world including Hawaii nei is in a terrible condition as the direct result of the past 200 years of plundering and destroying mother Earth for short term capital gain.

This must change. This practice of monetizing family must change.

Humankind with its petroleum, industrialization exploitation of mother Earth has set in motion elemental forces that future generations will still be dealing with. Have you noticed the way the rains have changed ? Now It's often a deluge of incredible intensity, and flash floods that used to take weeks to generate, now happen in a day.

Have you noticed that for the last six years every summer here in Hawaii is hotter than the one before it? Last July we saw 97° in the shade. It was the hottest temperature I have ever seen at my home. I was talking with a friend of mine who lives in Hokkaido, Japan, where they had an unprecedented heat wave last summer that actually caused the death of people, and he says to me “ enjoy this summer, it will be the coolest summer of the rest of your life.”

Climate change is not just some passing fad.

We are and have always been in a reciprocal relationship with mother Earth. We are family to mother Earth and to all the living beings that live here. We are `Aina. I am `Aina. You are `Aina. And you and you and you.

Now we have options. In spite of the fact that nearly all of us drove polluting vehicles to get here, that the big oil companies are making record profits, that 2000 pound American made bombs are being dropped on women and children in Palestine, we have the option to acknowledge our intimate connection with Mama `Aina and make decisions here today and onward in the future based on what is best for mama `Aina- Mother Earth, and those that belong to her.

The proposal to get appraisals and negotiate a land swap absolutely does not meet that criteria.

What does meet the criteria and what we need the US military to do, and what the US military needs to do for its own well-being, as an institution sworn to protect us, is to honor their original agreement, which was to return the confiscated lands within six months of the end of World War II in the condition they were received.

It is time to set in motion the repair, the restoration and return of these sacred `Aina.

Following the lead of Makua Valley as a Piko- a center of peace and justice, Malama Makua have been able to build a strong respectful relationship with the Schofield Army Garrison and all the folks that are part of the Army's cultural access support team. And we have quietly begun the restoration and reforestation of Makua Valley. Late last year, the department of defense, also following the lead of the Valley, announced "that it would no longer now or in the future conduct live fire training in Makua Valley."

This is the land of Aloha. We eat, drink and breathe aloha- Aloha `Aina, every moment we are alive here. We are here today, all of us, with our ancestors and our future generations, whether on the clock or not, because she called us- all of us.

She is alive and present in every drop of rain that has been falling this morning, in every drop of blood that courses through our veins. We are `Aina and She is us.

What a good moment this is to make decisions that support the life and well-being of our `Aina.

Instead of the proposal for appraisals and land swaps, what a good moment it is to sit down with the United States military, and remind them that they have extracted decades of use from these 4 `Aina, and as we all know, there is no free lunch, and that it is simply time to seriously begin the repair and restoration of these `Aina, for their return. This supports the life and well-being of our `Aina, but it doesn't stop here. Just as we are all so affected by the destruction and slaughter in Palestine, so too, is the whole world affected by actions that support life and the well-being of `Aina- our mother Earth.

Aloha Nui!

Vince Kana'i Dodge

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michaela Donlon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I OPPOSE D2. Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian Hands!!!

**From:** [Stephen and Effie Spiegler](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:14:30 PM

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I Effie Spiegler OPPOSE D2

Kahuku Motorcross Park is a huge part of our community. My family has been riding there for years as it is the only legal place to ride on Oahu. Do not take away another outdoor recreation are for Oahu's families. We as an island community should be encouraging people to get outside and be active, not be making it more difficult and taking places away. Please do not go ahead with the D2 proposal.

Thank You  
Effie Spiegler

**From:** [Mari Eguchi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:55:04 PM

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I, Mari Eguchi, oppose D2.

**From:** [Monyca Eleogram](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I OPPOSE D2

Mahalo for the opportunity to Speak up on behalf of Kahuku property. Aloha,

Monyca Eleogram

**From:** [Chantell Erolin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, chantell erolin ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Jen](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, jen fallin, oppose D2.



**From:** [Hayden Ferris](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Hayden F., oppose D2!!

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**From:** [Andrew](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
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I Andrew Ganeko oppose D2,

Kahuku motocross park has been a great place for family and friends to gather, it would be horrible for it to sold and taken away.

Just like how horrible it was when Hawaii raceway park closed down in 2006.

Please don't sell the land, thank you!

**From:** [Keoni Gau](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I OPPOSE D2 !!!

**From:** [Kylah Gaii-Paulos](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I OPPOSE D2 !!!

**From:** [Kylah Gaii-Paulos](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I OPPOSE D2!!!

**From:** [Cassie Gomis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:26:14 PM

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I, (Cassie gomis ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [graze.pharaoh-0n@icloud.com](mailto:graze.pharaoh-0n@icloud.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I oppose D2

**From:** [Alia Hanson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:10:24 PM

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I, Alia Hanson, oppose D2.



**From:** [superduty8two3](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:15:39 PM

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I, Devin K Higashi, oppose D2.

**From:** [Raenell Ho-Santos](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:43:09 PM

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A'ole D2 ---- I OPPOSE D2 !!!!

**From:** [Katie Hui](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] opposition to kahuku  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:18:27 PM

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I would like to show my support that we should not sell land to the military, especially in kahuku.

mahalo,  
Katie

**From:** [Hunter Dance](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:21:11 PM

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I, Hunter, oppose D2. Countless local families on Oahu recreate and spend family time at the Kahuku motocross track every week. It's the only legal place to ride ATV's and off road motorcycles on the island. Most of the island serves one of two masters: tourism or military efforts. Is it possible to keep this meaningful natural area for the local residents? Why does the military need so much acreage? This real estate (Oahu) is in such high demand and in such scarcity it doesn't make sense that individuals and small interest groups have to scrap for years even lifetimes to buy anything here, meanwhile the US military can step in and buy tens of thousands of precious Oahu acreage (shutting everyone else out and locking up the land). This is my testimony opposing D-2.

Hunter

**From:** [Maiah Iseminger](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:41:25 PM

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I, Maiah Iseminger, oppose D2.

- Maiah Iseminger

**From:** [Dylan Jennings](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:39:39 PM

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I Dylan Jennings Oppose the D2. I hope to be able to continue to use the area as recreational use.

Best Regards,  
Dylan Jennings

**From:** [Jon-Keoki Aniya](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 7:05:57 PM

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I, (Keoki Aniya), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Katriel Wong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I OPPOSE D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:59:25 PM

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Aloha Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Katriel Wong and I am a medical student and anthropologist from Honolulu, Hawai'i. I am writing in opposition of the state renewing their contract or selling Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku and Kawailoa to the US military.

Since the 1940s U.S. weapon testing has destroyed the natural landscape of these sites and released toxic substances like depleted uranium into the environment. Depleted uranium (DU) is a radioactive waste product from missiles and nuclear weapons used by the U.S. military in the 1950s and 60s. Approximately 70% of DU converts into nano-particles that can be inhaled and enter the bloodstream; with a 4.5 billion year half life, DU presents a significant risk to human health. In a study by Alice Deikirk (2009) she concludes that, "the long half-life of depleted uranium, the continual military testing of munitions on the site, and frequent fires that stem from those tests, there is a strong likelihood that questionable levels of radiation exposure are still occurring." Although the U.S. military denies DU emissions, there has been a lack of air/water quality testing for DU conducted by an impartial agency. Furthermore, given the U.S. military's initial denial of the Red Hill poisonings, it is reasonable for the public to be suspicious of their so-called "safety" claims. The U.S. military may argue that the use of these lands is for the "good of mankind" and the protection of our islands, however these arguments resemble the same language used to persuade people in the Marshall Islands, Nevada Test Site, and Hanford facility— all victims of radioactive testing. For too long the U.S. military's pursuit of strategic power has outweighed the consideration of the environment and health of the people of Hawai'i. This issue extends to both Kanaka 'Ōiwi and non-Kanaka on evaluating the importance of social justice, environmental stewardship and the health of the people of Hawai'i. For these reasons, I encourage the Board of Land and Natural Resources to end the decades of land misuse and work towards restoring the natural resources of these sites.

Mahalo nui,  
Katriel Wong



**From:** [Kiana K](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Supah Urgent  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:34:16 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted in order to purchase state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. Furthermore, I adamantly oppose the purchase of these lands by the US Army altogether. It is widely acknowledged within our community that the management of Pōhakuloa has been severely mishandled.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pōhakuloa encompass critically endangered plant habitats and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require the highest level of care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats at risk. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is just one example of the military's negligence that has endangered ecosystems in the Pōhakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands also poses negative impacts on our human communities. Fires jeopardize the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. The loud noise from firing activity is disruptive to many. Additionally, the degradation of vegetation has led to a dustbowl scenario, where even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns about soil and water contamination from metals and chemicals used in military operations have not been adequately addressed. These lands also hold cultural significance, and continued desecration of this land is deeply distressing to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local residents who seek to see these environments treated with reverence.

In the case of *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State had failed in its duty to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure the Army's compliance with lease requirements related to debris cleanup. Pollution remains a persistent issue in this area, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to fulfill its obligation to verify that the Army is properly maintaining these lands as agreed upon. The consideration of selling these lands to the Army by the DLNR implies a lack of concern for our environment and the ongoing concerns raised by our community. By choosing to overlook the ruling in *Ching v. Case* and opting to sell leased lands, the State is setting a dangerous precedent and effectively condoning land mismanagement.

In conclusion, I urge the DLNR and all members to stand against the Army's request for land appraisal in order to purchase these lands from the State. The state leased lands must revert back to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Let this serve as notification you are breaking multiple laws on this proposed purchase so that you cannot say you were not aware of the specifics behind the purchase.

Mahalo Kiana Kali

**From:** [Megan Karbowski](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:01:57 PM

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I, Megan Karbowski, oppose D2. Please keep the park open for families and people to enjoy the land.

Thank you,  
Megan

**From:** [tundras.daffy\\_0w@icloud.com](mailto:tundras.daffy_0w@icloud.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:39:24 PM

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I, Kekoa L, oppose D2!!

Live Aloha.

**From:** [Dayva K](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hilo resident testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:18:31 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Dayva Keolanui and I was born, raised, and currently reside in Hilo. My ancestors lived here before me and I aim to protect this 'āina for my children's children. The aim of the U.S. military is militarization - the process of becoming ready for conflict or war, not protecting land and natural resources for the perpetuation of life. Our State constitution says it simply "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono" - the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. You are the people responsible for protecting our land and natural resources. The choice for the life of the land is to not sell 'āina to the Army.

I am writing in opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pōhakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pōhakuloa include critically endangered plant habitat and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require utmost care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats in danger. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is only one example of military negligence that has threatened ecosystems within the Pōhakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this 'āina is painful to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local people who wish to see these

environments treated with respect.

In Ching v. Case (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in Ching v. Case in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Mahalo for you time and the work you do.

Aloha,

Dayva Keolanui

Hilo, Hawai'i

**From:** [Alyssa Kondo](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:51:50 PM

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I, Alyssa Kondo, oppose D2.

**From:** [Ruby Labisores](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:24:31 PM

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I, Ruby Labisores, oppose D2. My Family

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**From:** [Lucas Larson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:39:28 PM

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I, lucas larson, oppose D2.



**From:** [jilavelle32987](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:11:38 PM

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I, (bianca Lavelle ), oppose D2.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**From:** [Jonah Lion](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Jonah Lion](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SUBJECT LINE: URGENT: Stop Sale of Stolen Hawaiian Lands – Testimony  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:58:45 PM

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Dear DLNR, State of Hawai'i, and US Government Representatives,

I urge you to reject item D-2 and halt any negotiations to sell Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa. These sacred lands were illegally seized from the Hawaiian Kingdom and remain under occupation by the United States military. This attempted sale is a flagrant violation of the trust relationship established by the Apology Resolution (US Public Law 103-150) and a betrayal of the principles of reconciliation.

These 'āina hold immense cultural and spiritual significance for the Hawaiian people. They are ancestral homes, ceremonial sites, and vital ecosystems. Decades of military use have caused irreparable damage, including unexploded ordnance, contamination, and loss of native species. Further commercialization would compound this harm and deny our people the right to heal and restore these lands.

The Apology Resolution acknowledges the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. It is morally and legally unconscionable for the State of Hawai'i to profit from this injustice by selling lands that rightfully belong to the Hawaiian people.

I demand you:

- Uphold the spirit of the Apology Resolution and take concrete steps towards reconciliation.
- Immediately halt all negotiations for the sale of Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa.
- Initiate a process of returning these lands to their rightful stewards, the Hawaiian people.

Mahalo for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Jonah Lion  
Mayoral Candidate  
CEO DJedi Alliance

Crew Leader for Operation Hope  
Executive Director of A.R.T.

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**From:** [Michaela Lee](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:24:52 PM

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I, (Michaela Mar), oppose D2.

**From:** [Cody Marion](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:06:25 PM

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I, Cody Marion, oppose D2.

**From:** [Maui G](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:22:59 PM

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I oppose item d2  
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**From:** [Jaerene Medeiros](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:32:43 PM

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I, Jaerene , oppose D2.

Conserving homeland and culture for decades, and for the future to come, it's imperative to keeping Hawaii,Hawaii.

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**From:** [mianicolarroyo@yahoo.com](mailto:mianicolarroyo@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:38:55 PM

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I, (Name), oppose D2.



**From:** [Nick Miller](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F2 and F3  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:36:12 PM

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I oppose banning the aquarium fishery, and I support managing resources by science as provided by DAR.

Sincerely, Nicholas Miller

**From:** [Joel Moffett](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:14:34 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I, Joel Moffett, strongly oppose D2, which only inflames conflict and division. We must return the land back to the Hawaiian community.

With much sincerity,

Joel Moffett

**From:** [micah\\_moniz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:11:20 PM

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I, Micah Moniz , oppose D2. Been a family tradition for many many years to go ride at the track. It will be so heartbreaking if you guys sold the land. It's heaven on earth for my kids.

Micah Moniz

**From:** [Violet Moon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:48:10 PM

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I, Violet, oppose D2.

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**From:** [icf3@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:icf3@hawaiiintel.net)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:11:55 PM

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I, Sandy Nakamatsu, oppose D2  
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**From:** [Chase Neal](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:46:28 PM

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I, Chase Neal, oppose D2.

**From:** [Sam Nolan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:52:21 PM

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I, Samuel Nolan, oppose D2.

**From:** [Tylih Olsen](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:19:32 PM

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I, Tyrone-James Olsen, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Ashlyn Pai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:54:28 PM

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Hi, my name is Ashlyn Pai and I oppose D2. Please keep it the way it is.

Best,  
Ashlyn

**From:** [Kristina Pascua](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D-2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:21:42 PM

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Aloha my name is Kristina Pascua & I want to be on the zoom call to open up on my oppose decision on the Item D-2 us Kanaka do not want the military here they have done enough damage to our islands.

**From:** [Ryan Pasoquen](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:58:21 PM

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I, Ryan Pasoquen, oppose D2. This is the last legal place that we can ride on Oahu. The motocross/trail riding community is so much bigger than people realize. This community/motocross park has brought so many people together and I would even venture to say it has saved peoples lives. It's a healthy sport that has been around forever. If you take away this place, you take the future of riding children and families forever. Please reconsider. Please don't take more land from Hawaii.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Stephen Peters](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D-2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:20:16 PM

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I oppose D-2. Please do not take away the Kahuku Motocross Track! This is the only place the community has to legally ride!

Stephen  
(602) 799-5210

**From:** [Julie Post](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:03:02 PM

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I, Julie Post, oppose D2. I am dismayed at the threat of more Hawaiian land being lost to the military-industrial complex. Please protect this land for future generations.

**From:** [PATRICK PYO](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:14:34 PM

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I Patrick Pyo oppose D2. We, as a dirt bike riding community cannot allow the Government to buy the only land we have available to ride on. We need to keep this land available for everyone that enjoys off road riding a place to go.

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**From:** [Madelyn Reece](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2 OPPOSE  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:13:33 PM

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I, Madelyn Kennedy Kamali'i Reece, oppose D2. The United States military does NOT need more property in Hawaii. These lands are sacred and used by the locals for recreational purposes and are generationally passed down. Please do not take away our land and beauty for the liking of the military.

I, Sharon Reeves, oppose D2



**From:** [Hiboulder](#)  
**To:** [DLNR-BLNR-Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:32:12 PM

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I, (justin ridgely), oppose D2. There isn't enough recreational land across our islands. Taking away from an already limited resource isn't the answer

Mahalos,  
Justin Ridgely

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**From:** [Kiyannah Rocamora](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:31:54 PM

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE D2!

**From:** [Johnatan R.](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:12:03 PM

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I Johnatan Rodríguez oppose D2. Stop being fuckbois and supporting this military when you won't even take care of the people here.

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**From:** [Keone Rokero](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Keone R. oppose D2.

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**From:** [Raeonz Gaii santos](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:44:08 PM

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I OPPOSE AND DO NOT AGREE WITH D2

KEEP KAHUKU RIDEHMA OPEN!!!

**From:** [Ethan Savoy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:21:47 PM

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I, Ethan Savoy, oppose D2. I love Uncle Sam but I want Oahu to have its dirt bike track. Please let us keep it.

Thanks,

Ethan Savoy

**From:** [Alessandra Shea](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Item D-2: Protect Hawaiian Land and Communities  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:26:34 PM

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Dear BLNR,

I am writing to unequivocally oppose item D-2 of the agenda of the BLNR meeting. D-2, referring to the appraisal of lands leased to the US Army. The identified Army Training Areas are in locations that either local communities use and have been using for generations or have been contaminated by US military training actions. These lands do not belong in the hands of the US Army. The State of Hawai'i needs to begin the process of allowing Hawaiian communities their land back for stewardship and sustainability of our islands.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Alessandra Shea  
Resident of Kona moku, Waikiki ahupua'a

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**Alessandra Shea**  
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**From:** [John Signor](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 6:17:46 PM

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I, John Signor, oppose D2. Similar to controversy surrounding the use of Kahoolawe for USA military training, Native Hawaiian's should be consulted and directly involved in determining how ancestral lands are best used, for the benefit of the citizens of Hawaii.

Respectfully,  
John Signor



**From:** [Micah Spiegler](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Please don't buy the track  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:13:20 PM

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I Micah Spiegler oppose D-2 land acquisition

On Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 7:33 AM Micah Spiegler <[micahspiegler@gmail.com](mailto:micahspiegler@gmail.com)> wrote:

I oppose D-2 land acquisition

On Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 10:05 AM Micah Spiegler <[micahspiegler@gmail.com](mailto:micahspiegler@gmail.com)> wrote:

Please don't buy that land so much good comes from it for our community and if you buy it it will all be taken away I have made so many friends and memories there and it has become my main hobby and sport like that is my life style and if you take that away I won't have a life anymore please don't buy the track.

**From:** [Adam Stenberg](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:34:38 PM

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I Adam Stenberg oppose D2 land acquisition.

**From:** [Caleb Swain](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, caleb swain, oppose D2.

**From:** [Tatiana Decker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:07:51 PM

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I, Tatiana, oppose D2.

Outdoor activities are important for families and especially our keiki. Its a great way to keep kids doing something fun and staying out of trouble. They learn valuable lessons, have quality family time while making memories. Many families struggle to take their families out to do things because the cost of everything in Hawaii has sky rocketed. Kahuku is the only legal place to ride in Hawaii and an affordable activity for families. These days when most kids are staying indoors and on electronics, we ask that you please kokua and let us continue to enjoy the beautiful place that is Kahuku. Mahalo

**From:** [Tylih Olsen](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Tylih Olsen, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Sheldon Tamon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:54:56 PM

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I, Sheldon, oppose D2.

Me ke aloha,  
Sheldon Tamon

**From:** [Robert Tani](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:33:31 PM

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I Robert Tani oppose D2. We have no other spot to ride on oahu and if you take that away, you take all of our riding from our children and grand children.

**From:** [tarahawaii\\_kiai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 4/12/24 Testify on D.2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:57:27 PM

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May I be let in for item D.2 please? I am already connected in the Zoom - in the waiting room.  
Mahalo.

Mālama pono,  
Tara



**From:** [Rochelle Tufono](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:49:39 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. I feel there should have been more time allowed for the Hawaiian's and people of this land to speak our minds, especially due to the fact that this is our inherited right from our kūpuna. These lands are not meant to be given away or sold in this manner. Please, contact me if needed for further comment and statements.

Rochelle Kailihiwa Poaha Lūchinger Tufono  
949-606-2816

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**From:** [Linette Tumanuvao](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Item D.2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:43:45 PM

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Please vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands!!

Linette Tumanuvao  
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**From:** [May Vellmure](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:27:50 PM

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I, May Vellmure, oppose D2.

**From:** [Paige Victoria](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:50:56 PM

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Hello, I am writing to you today because I oppose the closing of the Kahuku Dirt Bike Tracks. That is the last spot people have to take their dirt bikes, quads, you name it, to race and just get practice on or simply have a good time. Kahuku race track has been around since before I was little and it has always been a place where families took their kids to every weekend to get some practice in, races, or just bond together through dirt biking. It's a place of gathering, making memories and a place where people who love to dirt bike get together who ride simply because they love to ride and they have been doing it their whole life. This is the last place left on the island for them to do that and have an actual track to use since the Kapolei track got shut down years ago. People from all the island, nearby and completely opposite side of the island, come to this track and they don't care how far they have to drive just to bring their bikes out and ride. I know people who go every weekend when they can and people who will be at the track every single time it is open. The people around the island love this track and it has been around since we were growing up and before that. Please don't shut down the track. It needs to stay for future generations to come. It's a family place, a hang out spot for friends, and kids who love to ride, they will be there at the track riding instead of getting into trouble. If you take away this place, it will shatter many hearts and what else will the people who love to ride be doing? Where else would they be able to take their bikes to and ride? The fact that the idea of closing this track has even been brought up is saddening and shame on the board or whoever proposed it. The island doesn't need anymore of whatever the state wants to use the land for. Keep the country, country!

Paige C. D. Victoria

**From:** [James Vidad](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:31:00 PM

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I, (James), oppose D2.

**From:** [Meghan Williams](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:32:35 PM

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I, Meghan Williams, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Ryan Williamson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2 Land Acquisition  
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I, Ryan Williamson, strongly oppose D2.

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**From:** [Frederick Wong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition Testimony  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 5:55:49 PM

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Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)

To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawaii Island and Oahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pohakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pohakuloa include critically endangered plant habitat and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require utmost care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats in danger. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is only one example of military negligence that has threatened ecosystems within the Pohakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waikii and Waikalua Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this place hurts Hawaiians and all the people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

As seen with the mismanagement and lack of accountability from the Navy regarding Red Hill on Oahu, the military has shown complete disregard for the well being of the civilian community as well as for the welfare of service members working to serve America. The lack of concern and actions shows the intent and inability for the military to maintain the



agreements made to the Community! The amount of land and resources used by the military does not match the amount of money being spent to occupy these facilities! That alone is a great injustice to Hawaii. Kahoolawe is another example of how the military has abused their power and justified their illegal activities and occupation.  
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**From:** [Kuulani Zukevich-Valmoja](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:35:47 PM

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I, Kuulani Zukevich-Valmoja, oppose D2.

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