



[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea

From Barbara Underwood [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:44 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

I've lived here since 1980. Learning and being around Hawaiian Culture I feel them. Please don't desecrate Mauna Kea anymore. It needs to be protected. Honor your Host culture. This is an extremely Sacred Place to them .

I am in opposition to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope to a so called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea!!!!!!

It is the most Sacred summit in Hawaii. It holds immense cultural, spiritual and ecological importance!!!! To allow this is continuence of disrespect toward Kanaka Maoli stewardship and the aina itself!!!

Please ----NO to TMT!!!!!!

Barbara Underwood
Kailua-Kona

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

From patricia wong [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:02 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeiji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, Matsuda, and members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Patricia Wong. I am Kanaka Maoli and I urge you to deny progress of TMT on Mauna Kea. The people of Hawai'i do not want this and I hope you are able to put the people of this land first, before western ways that continually show us how they only care about their individual progress. How do they know what is right for Hawai'i when they truly don't know the land, people, and culture. Please take the TMT elsewhere, not on Mauna Kea or anywhere on Hawai'i.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are Hawaiian national lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished. I personally commit to standing again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Thank you for your time,
Patricia Wong



[EXTERNAL] PROTECT MAUNA KEA

From marielavasquez [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:05 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Good evening,

My name is Mariela and I am a UC alumni and former member of Mauna Kea Protector. I request that MKSOA prevent the governor Josh Green and the Hawai'i congressional debate from excessive outreach and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability.

As a former UCSB student, our chancellor at the time was Henry Yang that also currently serves as TIO's current project manager. The UC has a long, terrible legacy of harming indigenous communities; from its inception as 'land-grant' universities to the STILL ongoing slow repatriation efforts to the current investment in project TMT, it is extremely shameful to know that the UC continues to prioritize profit over humanity - a legacy that I am complicit in as an alumni and it is our duty to support indigenous sovereignty everywhere. Mauna Kea is one of the most sacred places in all of Hawai'i, the center of all life, and should be respected to the greatest degree. There are already previous telescopes that have shaved at Mauna Kea's summit and have leaked, endangering the island's natural aquifers and locals' water supply. This is unacceptable and there should not be telescopes there in the first place. There has been constant and decade-long opposition from Kānaka Maoli and kia'i that TMT will NEVER be built and this needs to be upheld.

Protect Mauna Kea, listen to Kānaka and STOP TMT - regardless the site , TMT will be desecration and an act of colonization. MKSOA, you can stop this.



[EXTERNAL] Written Testimony in Opposition to the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea

From Heimana Tahiaata [REDACTED]
on behalf of
Heimana Tahiaata [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:15 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Written Testimony in Opposition to the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea

To: Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA)
Email: mka.testimony@hawaii.gov
Date: November 13, 2025
Subject: Written Testimony in Strong Opposition to the Construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is **Heimana Tahiaata**, and I am of **New Zealand Māori and Tahitian ancestry**, currently residing in **Pāhoa, Hawai'i**, with my wife and children.

I submit this testimony in **strong opposition to the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea**, which I believe to be **sacred ground**, a spiritual temple connecting heaven and earth, and an essential part of Native Hawaiian cultural and ancestral identity.

I stand in unity with the **kūpuna (elders)**, **kia'i (protectors)**, and all who seek to **preserve and honor Mauna Kea** as a sacred mountain deserving of full respect, protection, and reverence.

30 Reasons Why Mauna Kea is Sacred and Why the TMT Should Not Proceed

1. **Mauna Kea is the piko (spiritual navel)** connecting the heavens, the earth, and ancestral realms.
2. It is regarded as the **most sacred mountain in all of Hawai'i**, a wahi kapu (sacred place) of great spiritual power.

3. The summit is the **dwelling place of the gods**, such as Wākea and Poli'ahu, not a site for industrial development.
4. **Native Hawaiian cultural practices**—including prayer, chant, and offering—are still performed there today.
5. The mountain embodies **the genealogical connection between the Hawaiian people and their ancestors**—Hawaiians trace their lineage to Wākea (Sky Father) and Papa (Earth Mother).
6. Building telescopes atop this sacred site is **a desecration of Native Hawaiian spirituality and beliefs**.
7. The TMT would represent **continued colonization and exploitation** of Native lands without true consent.
8. **Cultural protocols and kapu** have long prohibited disturbance of sacred summits.
9. The existing telescopes have already **caused significant damage** to the summit environment and sacred landscape.
10. There are **unresolved violations and mismanagement** from previous observatory developments.
11. **Cultural practitioners** have been criminalized and arrested for protecting their sacred mountain—this is an injustice.
12. The TMT's proposed site lies on **conservation land**, intended for preservation, not industrial expansion.
13. The construction would **disrupt burial sites** and potentially disturb iwi kūpuna (ancestral remains).
14. Mauna Kea's summit is a **source of pure water**; further development threatens contamination of the aquifer.
15. The **fragile alpine ecosystem** cannot sustain more construction, machinery, or human impact.
16. The mountain provides **habitat for rare and endangered species**, such as the wēkiu bug.
17. **Spiritual balance and environmental stewardship** are central to Hawaiian values—TMT contradicts these principles.
18. Mauna Kea is a **place of prayer, healing, and ceremony**, not a place for industrial activity.
19. The TMT would stand as a **symbol of cultural erasure** and disrespect toward Indigenous voices.

20. **Consent from Native Hawaiians** has not been freely given—community opposition remains strong and widespread.
21. Building another telescope ignores **the principle of aloha 'āina** (love and respect for the land).
22. It perpetuates **historical trauma** and the marginalization of Native voices in their own homeland.
23. The Hawaiian concept of **pono (righteousness, balance, and harmony)** is violated when profit and science outweigh spiritual values.
24. There are **alternative sites globally** where TMT can be built without desecrating a sacred site.
25. The TMT project divides communities, **causing deep emotional and cultural pain** among Native Hawaiians.
26. True stewardship of Mauna Kea means **restoring its dignity and protecting its sanctity**, not expanding development.
27. **Hawai'i's Constitution** requires the protection of Native Hawaiian cultural and natural resources.
28. **Global recognition of Indigenous rights** (as per the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) supports the right of Hawaiians to protect sacred places.
29. Allowing TMT to proceed would **set a dangerous precedent** for further desecration of sacred lands.
30. Protecting Mauna Kea is about **healing the land and restoring spiritual integrity** for future generations.

Conclusion

Mauna Kea is not just a mountain—it is a **temple, a teacher, and a sacred ancestor**. The world does not need another telescope at the cost of Indigenous spirituality, cultural identity, and environmental sanctity.

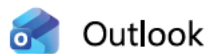
I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to **stand with the people, protect Mauna Kea, and reject the Thirty Meter Telescope project** in its entirety.

E mālama i ka Mauna. Protect the sacred. Honor the ancestors. Uphold what is pono.

With deep respect,

Heimana Tahiatā

Pāhoa, Hawai'i Island | Hamilton, Aotearoa | Papeete, Tahiti | Brisbane, Australia



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From JNK Hall [REDACTED]**Date** Wed 11/12/2025 10:41 PM**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, and members of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Ku'ulei and I live on Hawai'i Island in Hilo. My connection to Maunakea is I am Kanaka Maoli, and Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor. .

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is highly disappointing and disturbing. The letter, addressed to the TMT International Observatory, not to the people they are elected to represent, states that they will work with the MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site".

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. The refrain of thousands across the pae 'āina remains Kū Kia'i Mauna.

During previous contested case hearings, UH/ TMT previously stated the TMT could not be put on decommissioned sites because it is too big for the summit. If TMT is going to be redesigned to make it small enough to move - then all the permits need to be redone - **conservation district, sublease, EIS, management plan, etc. - and all of the public processes associated with them.**

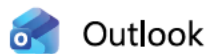
The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors and roll over the will and peace of the community.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; **these are Hawaiian national lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished.** I personally commit to standing again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Mahalo,

Ku'u lei



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From AnakeKuulei [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:48 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, and members of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Julia Hall. I live on Hawai'i Island in Hilo. My connection to Maunakea is I am Kanaka Maoli, and Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor. .

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Respectfully,

Julia Hall



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From J. Noelle Hall [REDACTED]**Date** Wed 11/12/2025 10:49 PM**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, and members of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Noelle. I live on Hawai'i Island in Hilo. My connection to Maunakea is I am Kanaka Maoli, and Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor. .

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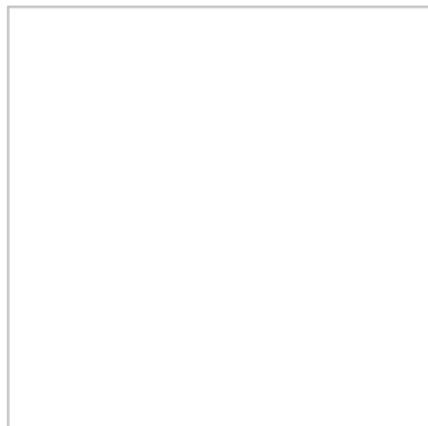
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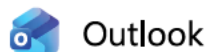
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[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E)

From V [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:50 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Von Ka'anā'anā and I am a resident of Honolulu and Kānaka Maoli descent. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i, and for generations, it has held immense cultural, spiritual, and ecological importance. Allowing further industrial expansion, even under the guise of "relocation," continues a long legacy of disrespect toward Kānaka Maoli stewardship and the 'āina itself.

The existing thirteen telescopes on the summit were built under decades of mismanagement by the University of Hawai'i and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, with minimal accountability and poor consultation with Native Hawaiians. These projects have already caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

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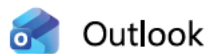
1. Reject any proposal to construct or relocate TMT **anywhere** on Mauna Kea.
2. Prioritize the **protection** and **restoration** of Mauna Kea's summit and ecosystems.
3. Uphold the **principle of Kānaka Maoli stewardship** and ensure full community participation in all decision-making processes.

Mauna Kea is sacred. It deserves respect, not continued exploitation.

Please stand with the people of Hawai'i and protect this mountain for future generations.

'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Von Ka'anā'anā
Honolulu, Hawai'i



[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item IX

From Dillon McLaughlin [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:53 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, and members of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is highly disappointing and disturbing. The letter, addressed to the TMT International Observatory, not to the people they are elected to represent, states that they will work with the MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site".

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. The refrain of thousands across the pae 'āina remains Kū Kia'i Mauna.

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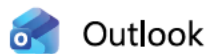
The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors and roll over the will and peace of the community.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; **these are Hawaiian national lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished.** I personally commit to standing again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Mahalo,

Dillon McLaughlin



[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

From Nicole [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:56 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeiji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, Matsuda, and members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Nicole Ryan. My connection to Maunakea is as a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands who stands with the Hawaiian people and their calls for the protection of their lands. My partner is Kanaka Maoli, and I provide gender-affirming care to the Native Hawaiian māhū and transgender community on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawai'i Island.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is deeply upsetting. The letter addresses the TMT International Observatory instead of the people these officials are elected to represent, and states that they will work with the MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site".

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. The refrain of thousands across the pae 'āina remains Kū Kia'i Mauna.

During previous contested case hearings, UH/ TMT previously stated the TMT could not be put on decommissioned sites because it is too big for the summit. If TMT is going to be redesigned to make it small enough to move - then all the permits need to be redone - conservation district, sublease, EIS, management plan, etc. - and all of the public processes associated with them.

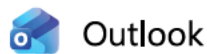
The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-Occupied territories, where politicians and corporations make secret deals without consideration of or consent from the community, causing harm to the land and its people.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates who are attempting to consolidate power by clearing a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

I remind the Authority that along with the summit of Maunakea being sacred, these are also Hawaiian national lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom and its people never relinquished. I personally commit to advocating for as long as it takes, to protect Maunakea, the water, and the dignity of the Hawaiian people, including my partner, and my patients.

Thank you for your time,

Nicole Ryan, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC



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From Jordan Nakamura [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:16 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeiji, Vice Chairs Wong-Wilson, Matsuda, and members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Jordan Kapono Nakamura. As a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands who stands with the Hawaiian people and their calls for the protection of their lands, I'm submitting my own personal concern regarding Maunakea which is consistent with that of many of my neighbors, friends, and colleagues.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is an alarming and utter breach of trust on the part of the governor and state delegation. We understand that the letter, addressed to the TMT International Observatory, not to the people they are elected to represent, states that they will work with the MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site".

The proposed construction site may have changed, but not a single one of the other conditions have shifted at all. The summit is still firmly and legally a conservation district, as well as the wai beneath it which sustains essentially all the life on the island. Just as thousands had joined and stood together unshakably to protect Maunakea for decades, today more than ever the refrain of thousands across the pae 'āina remains *Kū Kia'i Mauna*.

During previous contested case hearings, UH/ TMT previously stated the TMT could not be put on decommissioned sites because it is too big for the summit. If TMT is going to be redesigned to make it small enough to move - then all the permits need to be redone - conservation district, sublease, EIS, management plan, etc. - and all of the public processes associated with them. If the governor and the state of Hawai'i are going to attempt this betrayal on the grounds of their laws, they must be held to the standard of obeying their own laws. It is not the responsibility of the governor to negotiate away lands he doesn't own.

The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors, bump fists, bend or even break international law and overall attempt to ignore the expressed will of the community.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to strongly resist what is a clear and excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are Hawaiian national lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished. These are lands that are not by any stretch of the imagination owned by the governor that can be traded away through secret meetings far from the input of the lahui. I personally commit to standing again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of the people of Hawai'i, and I am far from alone in this resolve.

Mahalo for your time,

Jordan Kapono Nakamura



[EXTERNAL] 'A'ole TMT

From Lilli Leihua Leong [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:38 PM

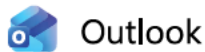
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

I am a kupuna wahine from Maui. My father was from Ka'u. As a Native Hawaiian I love our sacred Mauna Wakea. I am opposed to any more building on our beloved piko of our people.

Mahalo,

Lilli Leong



[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E)

From Kekua Kobashigawa [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:41 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Kekuamakana Kobashigawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Makakilo Hawai'i. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i, and for generations, it has held immense cultural, spiritual, and ecological importance. Allowing further industrial expansion, even under the guise of "relocation," continues a long legacy of disrespect toward Kānaka Maoli stewardship and the 'āina itself.

The existing thirteen telescopes on the summit were built under decades of mismanagement by the University of Hawai'i and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, with minimal accountability and poor consultation with Native Hawaiians. These projects have already caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

I urge the MKSOA to:

Reject any proposal to construct or relocate TMT **anywhere** on Mauna Kea.

Prioritize the **protection** and **restoration** of Mauna Kea's summit and ecosystems.

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Mauna Kea is sacred. It deserves respect, not continued exploitation.
Please stand with the people of Hawai'i and protect this mountain for future generations.

'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Kekuamakana Kobashigawa



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[EXTERNAL] TMT Testimony for November 13 meeting

From meredith buck [REDACTED]**Date** Thu 11/13/2025 12:06 AM**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha mai kākou,

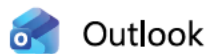
My name is Meredith and I am a resident of Kailua Kona. I am a weaver and kumu ulana lauhala. My work as a hana no'eau brings me to all sides of Mauna Kea and intertwines my life with the lives of people who are in deep relationship with the mauna.

I am writing to express my view that Mauna Kea is not a good fit for the Thirty Meter Telescope project. Among environmental, financial, and social concerns, what stands out to me is how internationally unpopular the project is, despite attempts to make it seem so. In a time where American democracy is in flux — all the while perpetuating its ongoing occupation of the illegally overthrown sovereign Hawaiian nation — it's very important to me that the people's will be realized.

To that end, I ask that MKSOA not be swayed by overreach or persuasion from the governor on this issue, but instead prioritize a process that centers transparency and accountability in alignment with the law.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and attention on this ever-pressing issue.

Meredith
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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX: REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

From Ryan Saunders [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 12:50 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeiji, Vice Chair Wong-Wilson, Vice Chair Matsuda, and members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Ryan Saunders. Maunakea connects to all those born of, or incubated in her soil. As a non-Hawaiian resident of this pae‘āina who stands with the Hawaiian people and their calls for the protection of their lands, I am committed to stand for as long as it takes, to protect this mountain, this water, and the dignity of her stewards.

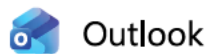
The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai‘i Congressional delegation is highly disappointing and disturbing. The letter, addressed to the TMT International Observatory, not to the people, states that they intend to work with the MKSOA and UH to “promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site.” While the proposed site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life depending on it below. The call of thousands across the pae ‘āina remains Kū Kia‘i Mauna.

The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors, smothering the voice of the people clearly saying no construction.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate their power to clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

The summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are Hawaiian national lands that neither the Hawaiian Kingdom government nor people never relinquished. Continue the path the people walk; resist the overreach, stay vigilant, and ensure the people’s will: no construction on Maunakea.

Thank you for your time,
Ryan Saunders



[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and NO "Relocation" on Mauna Kea. Agenda Item E

From Danae 96761 [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 1:47 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Danae J. Marin, and I am a resident of Keaau, Hawai'i, a Native Hawaiian, and a supporter standing in solidarity from Hawai'i Island. I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i, and for generations, it has held immense cultural, spiritual, and ecological importance. Allowing further industrial expansion, even under the guise of "relocation," continues a long legacy of disrespect toward Kānaka Maoli stewardship and the 'āina itself.

The existing thirteen telescopes on the summit were built under decades of mismanagement by the University of Hawai'i and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, with minimal accountability and poor consultation with Native Hawaiians. These projects have already caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

I urge the MKSOA to:

Reject any proposal to construct or relocate TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.
Prioritize the protection and restoration of Mauna Kea's summit and ecosystems.
Uphold the principle of Kānaka Maoli stewardship and ensure full community participation in all decision-making processes.
Mauna Kea is sacred. It deserves respect, not continued exploitation.
Please respect the people who you serve and stand with us. We are the people of Hawai'i and we need you to protect this mountain for all of our future generations.

'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Danae J. Marin
Keaau, Hawai'i
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[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E)

From Jon Moniz-Alcoran [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 2:45 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Jon Makana Moniz-Alcoran, and I am a resident of Kamuela Hawaii. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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3. Uphold the **principle of Kānaka Maoli stewardship** and ensure full community participation in all decision-making processes.

Mauna Kea is sacred. It deserves respect, not continued exploitation.

Please stand with the people of Hawai'i and protect this mountain for future generations.

'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Jon Makana Moniz-Alcoran

Kamuela Hawaii



[EXTERNAL] Keli'ipio-Kuamo'o Foundation, Inc. Testimony

From Lehua Kaulukukui [REDACTED]
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To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>
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Aloha,
Please see/accept our Foundation's testimony attached.
Mahalo

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