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[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item E: Protect Mauna Kea

From Noel Shaw [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 9:18 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

My name is Noel Shaw, I currently reside in Kalāwahine Hawaiian Homestead on O'ahu. I've been standing as a Kia'i Mauna since 2015 and before that as a lineal descendant of Moku o Keawe, with my paternal great grandparents being homesteaders in Kūhiō Village and my maternal grandparents being from Kainaliu. These waters that run from Moku o Keawe have fed generations of my 'ohana, from as close to me as my mother who still resides in Waimea.

I'm writing to you now still as a Kia'i Mauna with even more conviction to ensuring its protection, because of my experience living on O'ahu during the red hill water crisis. I'm requesting that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the Govenor and follow the process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea being home to the island's biggest aquifer and consider the most scared space for Kānaka 'Ōiwi, demands extra care and attention is giving to ensuring it's protected. Failure to head the call of so many who have stood in protection of the Mauna, is truly a failure of our governing leaders to be representative and respectful.

Please head the call of the people. No more telescopes on our mountains. No more threats to our most basic and needed natural resources. Do not compromise Hawai'i.

Mālama,
Noel

Noel Kaleikalaunuoka'oia'i'o Shaw

[redacted]

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[EXTERNAL] No TMT

From Sarah Begley [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 10:44 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To Whom It May Concern.

Aloha, my name is Sarah Begley. I am a native Hawaiian living on Maui. My kupuna are from Maui and the Big Island and have been in Hawaii for centuries. I am adamantly against the building of the TMT and quite frankly, I do not know why I need to continuously submit testimony for something that so many people are against! The people have spoken, no TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea! The governor is not following protocol and is not speaking for the people of Hawaii. Please do NOT consider a new site for the TMT and please do not allow the governor to not follow the correct process.

Mahalo for your time.
Sarah Begley

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[EXTERNAL] No TMT on Mauna Kea

From Leah Yamamoto [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 10:50 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

As kanaka ʻōiwi and a lifelong resident of Hawaiʻi, I urge MKSOA to resist excessive overreach by the governor to consider "a possible relocation to a disturbed site" on Mauna Kea for TMT. The people of Hawaiʻi deserve transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

Me ka haʻahaʻa,
LK

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[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea Testimony

From Jane Au [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 11:26 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

My name is Jane Au, program director for the Native Hawaiian nonprofit, ʻĀina Momona. I had the good fortune of standing with our community in 2019 to protect our sacred mauna against TMT construction, an effort that our community has never waivered on, nor changed our opposition to. My kupuna and executive director of our organization, Walter Ritte, was one of several activists that chained himself to the cattle guard to prevent vehicles from accessing the site. At 76 years old, he laid down his body in sacrifice for what our people know to be irreplaceable, vital, and sacred lands.
I request that MKSOA resist the excessive and inappropriate overreach by Governor Green, and follow a process that ensures community voices, transparency, and accountability with all applicable laws, in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea and it's rare, critical ecosystems.
TMT should not be built anywhere on Mauna Kea. Our mountain and aquifers have faced enough damage and desecration following decades of poorly managed astronomy efforts. Enough is enough. The governor does not get to unilaterally speak for our community. A transparent process is needed to determine the future of Mauna Kea.
There are thousands of Hawaiians willing to put our life on the line for this effort. Short of killing us all, TMT will not be built on Mauna Kea. E ola mau no!

me ke aloha,
Jane

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FREE PALESTINE!
Jane Lokomaikaʻikeakua Au (she/her)
Program Director, ʻĀina Momona
"When we all love the land, we are all family." - Uncle Walter Ritte
[redacted]

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[EXTERNAL] **MKASOA Testimony**

From Brianna Blackburn [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 12:12 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha awakea,

My name is Brianna Blackburn I am a resident of Kaimuki and a grateful visitor to the Hawai'i Kingdom. My connection to Mauna Kea is not by lineage or ethnicity, but as a supporter of the lāhui in protecting the sovereignty of their land and culture.

With this, I urgently request MKSOA resist the overreach of the governor and follow process to ensure transparency and accountability to applicable laws that set precedence to maintaining the integrity of Mauna Kea.

Kānaka Maoli are at the forefront of every battle that challenges their identity and every battle won benefits the whole population of the Hawaiian Islands. Mauna Kea is a pinnacle of Hawaiian identity and culture is intrinsic to the land and environment. We all benefit from the fight to preserve clean water, protection of sacred sites, and a flourishing lāhui, in which TMT threatens.

- Brianna Blackburn

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[EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY MAUNA KEA

From Ellie Keliipuleole [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 12:14 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

WE ARE MAUNA KEA and WE ARE STILL HERE. ʻAʻole TMT is no TMT *anywhere* on the mountain.

A Hui Hou; Malama Pono Ellie

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[EXTERNAL] AGENDA item VI- E

From Cheryl B [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 12:37 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeiji and members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in response to the recent letter from Governor Josh Green and Hawai'i's congressional delegation proposing the possible relocation of the Thirty Meter Telescope to a "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea. We write in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this proposal and to the continued political pressure being placed on your Authority to accommodate this project.

Opposition to the TMT is not just a matter of location or logistics—it is rooted in deep cultural, environmental, and spiritual concerns. The project cannot simply be "redesigned" to meet the principles of aloha 'āina, cultural protection, or conservation law. The very scale and purpose of the telescope contradict the values of stewardship and respect that Mauna Kea deserves.

The Governor and US delegation's suggestion that the TMT could be relocated to a decommissioned or "disturbed" area on Mauna Kea is not grounded in fact. There are **no "disturbed" sites on the summit large enough to host a five-acre facility** like the TMT. Each of the existing observatories and those recently decommissioned sits/sat on a footprint far smaller than the TMT requires. This suggestion continues to ignore the fundamental concerns of Kānaka Maoli and the larger Hawai'i community who have made it clear for over a decade that the issue is not simply about "location".

This makes the relocation proposal technically impossible without further disturbance of previously untouched land, defeating the very intent of Act 255, SLH 2022, which directs toward stewardship and restoration—not further expansion. The idea of repurposing a smaller site also misleads the public into believing that relocation within the "disturbed" summit area is possible or responsible. It is not.

If the National Science Foundation provides funding for the TMT project, it will automatically trigger a federal Environmental Impact Statement and a required cultural consultation process. This means years of additional review before any action could take place. Suggesting that relocation to a decommissioned site would speed up the process is inaccurate and misleading.

The process described in the Governor's and legislators' letter continues a pattern of decision-making that **excludes Native Hawaiian voices and consent.** Meetings and agreements made behind closed doors between government officials and TMT representatives do not constitute community consultation or cultural consent. Mauna Kea's stewardship was placed under this Authority to **ensure a new era of transparency and accountability**, not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

Support for the TMT has been waning and continues even among its own partners and scientific collaborators. Meanwhile, the project faces ongoing and unresolved legal and environmental challenges, including:

- A pending challenge to the permit to use conservation lands on Mauna Kea.

- Anticipated challenges to stormwater permitting and compliance
- International criticism, including from the United Nations, which has admonished Canada for violating the free, prior, and informed consent of Kānaka Maoli regarding TMT construction

The TMT cannot be made compatible with the cultural and environmental protection standards that Mauna Kea deserves. The scale and impact of the telescope are fundamentally at odds with conservation law, the spiritual significance of the summit, and the principle of aloha ʻāina. HAR 13-5 Administrative rules are clearly defined. It is time we stopped ignoring them.

To suggest that a relocation within the same conservation district somehow solves these issues is to ignore what has been said repeatedly by Kānaka Maoli and supporters across the world: **the TMT does not belong on Mauna Kea.**

The message from the community has remained consistent for more than a decade: **no construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea.** Attempts to rebrand or relocate the project on the mauna do not change that opinion. The resistance to this project is not going away, because it is grounded in the defense of sacred lands, cultural survival, and environmental responsibility. The TMT project violates UN DECLARATION on the RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE STANDARDS, and the requirement for free, prior and informed consent from indigenous communities before the project proceeds.

We urge the Authority to reject any proposal that would reintroduce the TMT project—whether on a "disturbed" site or elsewhere on the summit. Mauna Kea's future should be one of healing, restoration, and respect for Kānaka Maoli, not another round of political maneuvering to force through an unwanted development.

The future of Mauna Kea should be guided by true stewardship—by healing, by decommissioning, by restoration, and by honoring the voices of those who have always protected it.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Dee Green

Cheryl Burghardt

Nuuanu, Oahu

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[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea and TMT

From laura costa [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 1:20 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Kakou,

I am not born and raised on Moku Keawe.

I am a transplant from Oahu, hawaiian born and raised. Originally I am from Kailua Oahu, I lived on Oahu for 50 years and watched the growth of Kailua. Some were well thought out and other areas went from lush and beauty to conjestion, overcrowding and unresolved traffic jams. Let alone areas where we're blocked from using familiar path ways to the beaches.

Oahu is paved paradise from North to South & East to West. It is also the most unfriendly place to live if you are Hawiian. This government has priced most of the locals out of Oahu as well as this state. This life style has also been instilled on Maui and Kauai. Do not try to turn this beautiful island into an Oahu or Maui.

The Big Island is blessed with so much more than it's natural beauty. The communities are united in cultural and practice there life style every day with aloha. Hilo people are unique in the way they carry themselves. They are true to their lineage and never waiver. I myself have learned so very much living here for over 28 years. I have met amazing kanaka as well as haole (foriengners) who are aware of what damages may come with the growth of more telescopes. A'ole TMT !!

I as well as my children (all adults) have learned how important it is to reflex on the past to create a better future. As supporters of the Mauna and our cultural you understand that you do not stand alone no matter where you are. The pressence of our ancesters are all around us. Giving us guidiance and wisdom to fix the hewa hewa that has been done and to protect what our ancestors and Ke Akua has protected for thousands of years before us. Those who made decisions against our beliefs now know the importance of havng roots, substance and a clear cultural of where you belong. Do not continue with this maddness. A'ole TMT !!

Mahalo kakou,

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[EXTERNAL] MAUNAKEA

From Charlene Holani [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 3:54 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha my name
Is Kalena Charlene Holani. Born and raised in Hawaii island by Hawaii island.

As a product of the Big island. Maunakea has provided for myself and family on a physical, spiritual, emotional and financial level. By allowing the build of TMK this will directly affect us all in a grave way.

Please resist the government and governors overreach. Please stand strong and fair in a transparent just process that will align with laws that will maintain the integrity of Mauna A Wākea.

Maunakea's iron runs through our veins, her water in our blood. Ancestral home to our Kūpuna and Akua. As the tallest mountain on earth towerimg over one of the most isolated populated islands on earth, Mauna protects us from hurricanes and Deters natural disasters while becoming Hilo rains. Home to some of the most endemic, Indigenous and near extinct animal, plant and insect life. Home to the most topographical place on earth. Financially TMK will brake our people, we are already seeing the effects of the other obsolete TELESCOPES who "said" they clean up and get out. Now whose left to front the clean up? While paint Leaches in our soil and down into our largest aquifer.

Please be pono stand pono and continue to be a great ancestor for those to come.

We have no right nor business trying to study the cosmos while destroying and barely knowing our own earth to which we live on.

Take care what get, before we go maha'oi elsewhere.

Mahalo,

Kalena Holani

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[EXTERNAL] November 13th, 2025 Meeting Testimony

From Rebekah Cryderman [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 4:35 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Dear Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA),

I urge you to not approve any new construction on Maunakea, even on a site that has previously been disturbed. For many closely watching this issue there does not seem to be a disturbed space available that will adequately match this project'a footprint and will inevitably require additional disturbance of the land.

As a resident of Hawai'i island who has seen the devastated landscapes of bulldozed properties and construction in environmentally sensitive and cultural significant spaces, I believe there is more harm than good to come from continuing construction on Maunakea. As someone who has wept listening to the stories of those protecting the mauna, I cannot imagine that you have not spoken to these same people and ended the conversation thinking that construction meant a way forward for our communities. As a concerned citizen, I request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Maunakea.

With the continued opposition from so many in Hawai'i's communities and hearing the plea for solidarity with Native Hawaiians protecting this sacred wahi pana, I urge you to listen, feel and vote according to the majority of your constituents, not the dollars being dangled in front of you. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Me ke aloha,
Rebekah Cryderman

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[EXTERNAL] Aloha - testimony in support of NO on TMT on Mauna Kea

From Stephen Yundt [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 4:40 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Cc elizabeth lovejoy-yundt [redacted]

Aloha,

My name is Stephen Yundt. I am a business owner in the Puna region of our island we share together. I have a cacao farm and a restaurant for over 14 years in the Pahoa area. I gaze up on the slopes of beautiful Mauna Kea every morning. I see enormous beauty and dominance over the landscape here, knowing this snow-capped peak with the spirit of Poli' ahu is looking back at me surrounded by rainbows.

This peak is sacred to the Hawaiian people, a group that has been colonized and had their non-violent monarchy forcefully dominated... who suffered with the imprisonment their rightful Queen, plus had their land taken over and abused by settlers from the mainland. It only takes one to look around you to see the damages to the Aina that are now present everywhere. Monoculture of pineapple and sugar cane plantations ruined most of the Hawaiian agricultural soil, rivers & streams diverted, chemicals like pesticides and weedkillers sprayed relentlessly, housing developments & condominiums made for rich white people who don't even live here full-time, while real Kanaka Hawaiian people have nothing, their language squashed, their religion being reassigned, their kingdom turned into a cement land of big box stores against their will...

I hear their pain. I hear them peacefully pleading for "what was stolen, must be returned".

They fought the observatories from the beginning, but had no power. They still have no power, but "what is right and just". ...And what is Just is to leave Mauna Kea alone, in all its splendor. If you need a mountain to build a skyscraper telescope on, pick one that isn't sacred!! Pick one that has not been in the handed-down songs and dances of a brave and valiant native people for hundreds of years.

I vote "NO" to TMT

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[EXTERNAL] Maunakea

From Eileen Rodrigues [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 6:09 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha, my name is Eileen Rodrigues. I've lived in the Big Island since 1960. I urge MKSOA to RESIST EXCESSIVE OVERREACH BYTHE GOVERNOR and FOLLOW A PROCESS that ensures TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ALIGNMENT WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF MAUNA KEA!
Note- is there MSDA LOG THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC?
Where does all the waste(sewage/chemicals go or contained with?
And this $1.00 a yr leases! We need to take care of our oceans(since we're in the middle of it), before we start looking into space! No lights down here is due to the view of space??? Exploration verses homesteader(people who live on the bottom of Mauna Kea)!!! Remember, our life source is under the MAUNAS!!!!! Will this be another RED HILL?
Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL] re: A'OLE TMT

From kc [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 6:57 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha mai,

I am KC and I am a resident of Hamakua, living and breathing on the slopes of Mauna Kea, tending aina, doing reforestation for restoration of the ahupuaa and watershed, and growing food in support of community.

I am requesting that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

I am in full support of **A'OLE TMT** — that the TMT should not be built anywhere on Mauna Kea, ever, because it is a sacred mountain for Kanaka Maoli, the ancestral stewards of these islands, and will cause irreversible harm to the ecology and community.

Mahalo nui for listening to the voices of the Aina and the Mauna,

KC

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[EXTERNAL]

From Francois Waikoloa [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 7:08 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Please do not attempt to build anything else on Mauna Kea. This Mountain is sacred and has already been subjected to much desacration. There is no need for a telescope anyway, all the current ones around the world have mapped the universe already.
Be aware that the same opposition to any construction will be as it was in 2015 and in 2019. We are still here and we will protect our Mauna, always.

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[EXTERNAL] Resist

From Dancy Seavers [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 7:12 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,
My name is Dancy Seavers and I'm originally from Hilo Hawaii, currently living in Sacramento California.

I respectfully request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

I personally feel that the governance of Hawaii shall always consider the Evironmental impact as well as the Cultural and Social Justice impact of all projects. The native Hawaiian population shall always be considered a trusted and respected source of reference for the aforementioned subjects and should be treated as such. The amount of push back this topic has received spearheaded by Native Hawaiians over the past fifteen years should be respected and adhered to as a "hard no" for a 30 meter telescope to ever be considered for viable rectification anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Please lead with respect for cultural welfare, social justice, and environmental sustainability.

Yours truly,

Dancy Seavers

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[EXTERNAL] A'ole TMT

From nawahine kahoopii [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 7:44 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

No means NO! No moving TMT to another location on the Mauna Kea summit.
TMT requires a base that will be more than 30 feet underground. That means explosives and heavy equipment that will permanently disturb the fragile environment and endanger the aquifer. That aquifer is the source of fresh water for our entire moku. With the amount of chemical spills and mess that have occurred on the summit with zero accountability for generations, this plan is just plain stupid.

The disruption of the flow of rainwater will cause the discharge of wastewater pollution.

More development will increase the threat to endangered species.

Do you know what needs to be done when aina is disturbed? **YOU HEAL IT!**

Those areas were to be cleaned up and restored to pre-telescope condition, not viewed as "already disturbed" and therefore available for further desecration.

Mr. Liu's comment that the status of Mauna Kea will be determined by its people seems disingenuous. That decision was made crystal clear in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and now in 2025. No TMT, not now, not ever, not anywhere on our sacred mauna.

Respectfully, Mr. Liu, you need to return to your homeland; you don't belong here making decisions that impact the indigenous people of Moku O Keawe.

Kaho'opi'i-Nawahine Ohana

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[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea

From Kumella Aiu [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 7:53 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,
I would like to submit my testimony in opposition to any new building on Mauna Kea. I was raised in Hawai'i, like many we left to avoid poverty. I watched the fight to protect the mauna from Colorado. I stood with Hawaiians then, and now that I am back home, I stand with them today. My hiapo (oldest child) went to the mauna. Their experience was life changing for them. As a parent I saw them have a spiritual awakening. I saw them mature and grow and I saw them stand taller and more in alignment with their culture, with the stars and with their ancestors. The importance of the mauna is not something of the past. It should never have been built on. And the sentiment has been clear and loud. We stand with the mauna. To protect from further building. We can't go back to the old Hawai'i. But we can look forward and restore what was damaged and by doing so we can heal the future. A future where land is treasured not as a commodity, but as our 'ohana. No TMT. Not anywhere on the mauna.
Mahalo,
Kumella Aiu
Honolulu, HI
[redacted]

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[EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for (MKSOA) BOARD MEETING on 11/13

From Naomi Tachera [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 8:04 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Dr. Naomi Tachera. I am a Native Hawaiian from Waimea on Hawai'i Island, where I currently reside. I am an educator and a behavioral scientist who works to uplift Hawai'i's keiki, 'ohana, and communities through education and evidence-based practice.

Mauna Kea is not a site of research or development—it is a sacred space, and a cultural realm with deep genealogical, spiritual, and historical meaning for the indigenous people of Hawai'i, Kanaka Maoli. Our relationship to Mauna Kea is not symbolic; it is ancestral.

I am requesting that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority resist excessive overreach by the Governor and maintain a governance process grounded in transparency, accountability, and adherence to all applicable laws. The purpose of this Authority is to steward Mauna Kea responsibly—not to serve political interests or repeat the failures of past management. Public trust depends on independent decision-making and integrity.

I also oppose the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope anywhere on Mauna Kea. As a behavioral scientist and educator, I value scientific learning and advancement. But no amount of scientific information or potential discovery supersedes our right, as Kanaka Maoli, to determine how we protect what is sacred to us. For generations, development on Mauna Kea has occurred without full consent, without proper remediation, and without respect for the cultural and spiritual harm inflicted upon our people.

The mountain has already carried more than its share of burden. Decommissioning and restoration have not been fully honored, yet conversations continue about building even more. That is not stewardship—that is exploitation.

Mauna Kea deserves better. Our keiki deserve better. And this Authority has the responsibility to ensure that the future of this mountain is shaped with dignity, legality, and aloha 'āina—not political pressure.

Mahalo for your time and consideration, and for the kuleana you carry in protecting Mauna Kea for the generations to come.

Dr. Naomi Tachera
Waimea, Hawai'i Island

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[EXTERNAL] No Tmt On Mauna Kea

From Yavil Vazquez [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 8:24 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To Whom It May Concern,

My connection to Mauna Kea is one of deep reverence and love. It is a place for ceremony, reflection, and communion with the ancestors of the land. Mauna Kea is not just a mountain — it is a sacred being, a living temple that holds the spirit, history, and heartbeat of the Hawaiian people. For generations, it has stood as a bridge between the heavens and the earth, a place where prayer meets the stars, and where the wisdom of our kūpuna continues to guide us.

I respectfully request that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) resist any excessive overreach by the Governor's office and adhere to a process that ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment with all applicable laws and cultural protections. It is essential that all decisions regarding Mauna Kea uphold the principles of integrity, respect for Native Hawaiian rights, and genuine community participation. Only through a transparent and lawful process can the MKSOA honor its kuleana to protect the sacredness of Mauna Kea and maintain the trust of the people it serves.

To build another telescope upon Mauna Kea is not progress — it is a profound act of desecration. It dishonors the sacred, disrupts the ecological balance, and disregards the voices of the very people to whom this mountain belongs.

Culturally, Mauna Kea is a cornerstone of Hawaiian spirituality and identity. It embodies the sacred connection between land, sky, and ancestry. The proposed development ignores this truth, repeating the painful history of Indigenous erasure that has scarred Hawai'i for too long. Respect for Hawaiian sovereignty and cultural practice demands that sacred spaces remain untouched, protected, and honored.

Environmentally, the mountain's summit is one of the most fragile ecosystems in the world. Its alpine habitat and endemic species are irreplaceable. Construction, waste, and human disturbance endanger these delicate systems and threaten the aquifers that provide life-giving water to the island below. Mauna Kea's summit has already been overburdened with telescopes — many now abandoned and in disrepair. Promises of "responsible stewardship" have been made before and broken. The land still bears those scars.

Spiritually, Mauna Kea stands as a teacher of humility — reminding us that wisdom and wonder do not require domination or ownership, but reverence and relationship. The drive to explore the stars should never come at the expense of the sacred earth beneath our feet. If humanity truly seeks understanding of the universe, it must begin by honoring what is already divine here on Earth.

I stand firmly in opposition to the construction of any telescope on Mauna Kea. There are other places to gaze at the stars, but there is only one Mauna Kea. Let us choose respect over exploitation, protection over profit, and love over desecration.

With deep aloha,

Yavil Vazquez

Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL] Land use

From Kevin Myers [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 8:42 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Dear Fellow Citizens of Earth,
Please consider the next seven generations impact and lives in connection to any and all decisions for land use. In particular telescopes on sacred lands.
Earth and land and the next seven generations ask to please not allow the destruction and construction of this project.

ThankYou for listening to your heart and this message from the concerned citizens of the world.

Sincerely,

Kevin Coulter Myers

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[EXTERNAL] 'A'ole TMT on Mauna a Wākea

From Melina Keawe [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 8:58 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

MKSOA,

I, Dana Keawe, am humbly asking & requesting that MKSOA reject proposal from governor Green & Hawai'i Congressional Delegation & not support TMT to be built anywhere on Mauna Kea. I signed the petition with over 500,000 other kia'i in opposition to TMT being built on Mauna Kea.

UHH, TMT, governor & HCD have NO authority to collaborate together to obtain necessary permits to build TMT on the deco missioned areas on Mauna Kea. With only the input from their survey of 1,500 people. When over half a million people from both Hawai'i & around the whole world signed petition in opposition to TMT being built anywhere on Mauna Kea.

MKSOA, please make it clear, publish statement, that you all had no part of this collaboration or survey of 1,500 people to build TMT on decommissioned areas on Mauna Kea. Because it looks like MKSOA is in full support of obtaining permits & building TMT on the decommissioned areas on Mauna Kea.

The indigenous people of Hawai‘i have an internationally recognized human right to self-determination and have over the past 12 years have clearly exercised that right and said NO to the building of TMT on Mauna Kea which is 100% stolen Hawaiian Lands.

For decades, Kanaka Maoli have been vigorously advocating for the protection of Mauna Kea and in the past 12 years, there have been mass demonstrations throughout Hawai‘i and abroad in opposition to the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea. Tens of thousands have occupied Mauna Kea and marched to stop the desecration of our sacred mountain.

Over half a million Kanaka Maoli, Hawai‘i Residents, and world citizens have provided testimony at countless hearings, signed positions and petitions opposing the building of the TMT on the summits of Mauna Kea.

Me ke Aloha 'Āina,

Dana Keawe

Resident & Indigenous lineal descendent of Moku o Keawe

indigenous people of Hawai‘i have an internationally recognized human right to self-determination and have over the past 12 years have clearly exercised that right and said NO to the building of TMT on Mauna Kea which is 100% stolen Hawaiian Lands. "

"For decades, Kanaka Maoli have been vigorously advocating for the protection of Mauna Kea and in the past 12 years, there have been mass demonstrations throughout Hawai‘i and abroad in opposition to the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea. Tens of thousands have occupied Mauna Kea and marched to stop the desecration of our sacred mountain. "

"Over half a million Kanaka Maoli, Hawai‘i Residents, and world citizens have provided testimony at countless hearings, signed positions and petitions opposing the building of the TMT on the summits of Mauna Kea."

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

From Lily Hi'ilani Okimura [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 9:05 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Lily Hi'ilani Okimura, and I am a Kanaka Maoli resident of Mō'ili'ili, O'ahu. 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:

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,

Lily Hi'ilani Okimura
Mō'ili'ili, O'ahu

Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Protecting Mauna Kea

From Kaiewa Mahi Spencer [redacted]
Date Mon 11/10/2025 9:41 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha MKSOA Board,

My name is Kaiewa Spencer, a native Hawaiian born and raised on O'ahu, and I write to you as a firefighter, a steward of this land, and someone who holds deep respect for the cultural and spiritual significance of Mauna Kea.

I urge MKSOA to resist the overreach proposed by Governor Josh Green and the Hawai'i congressional delegation regarding the relocation of TMT to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea. This framing disregards the sacredness of the entire mauna and undermines the decades of advocacy led by Native Hawaiian communities and cultural practitioners.

Transparency, accountability, and adherence to all applicable laws must guide every decision made about Mauna Kea. The integrity of this wahi pana cannot be preserved through compromise that still results in desecration.

My personal stance is clear: 'A'ole TMT — not at the summit, not at a "disturbed site," not anywhere on Mauna Kea. The mauna is not a blank canvas for development. It is a living ancestor, a teacher, and a source of spiritual grounding for generations past, present, and future.

Mahalo for your time and for holding space for testimony rooted in aloha 'āina.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kaiewa Spencer

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[EXTERNAL] Protect Mauna Kea

From Stacey Alapai [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:13 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,
My name is Stacey Alapai, I'm a kanaka living on Maui. In addition to the deep ancestral connection *all* Hawaiians have to Mauna Kea, the movement to protect this sacred place personally changed my life and was the catalyst for both my husband and I to return home from the diaspora.

I am writing to request that MKSOA resist this attempt at excessive overreach by the governor to stifle the will of the people. Please follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

TMT should not be built *anywhere* on Mauna Kea. No means no. This insistence that this telescope can only be built here because it is unlike anywhere else in the world is one clear piece of evidence as to why it must be protected. Why would you play a part in desecrating a place unlike anywhere else in the world? Resurrecting this proposal yet again just shows the lack of care and concern for the Hawaiian people, the public trust of our sacred mauna, and the need to protect our rights to traditional and customary practices.

Please reject this proposal.

Mahalo,
Stacey

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[EXTERNAL] Please stop desecration of Mauna Kea

From Linda Satchell [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:04 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Dear Sirs,
Please listen to the voices of the people! We need to protect places that are Sacred to the people! Would you tear down a big beautiful church to put this? No! So to me and so many people especially Kanaka, this is so important! I stand with those who wish to protect Mauna Jea! I know there are other places that WANT you to build there. Local people have and still are having their culture, land , and very Souls so damaged! Please, this is desecration of the Sacred!!! It is about RESPECT!

Sincerely
Linda Satchell
Resident land steward in Captain Cook for 18 years

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[EXTERNAL] AOLE TMT

From Whitney Taylor [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:07 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

WE ARE MAUNA KEA and WE ARE STILL HERE.
The Hawaiians have spoken, and the majority has listened. A'OLE TMT.
DO WHAT IS RIGHT. DO WHAT IS PONO.

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[EXTERNAL] Written Testimony

From Malia Rodrigues [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:02 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in strong opposition to the construction of the thirty meter telescope on top of Mauna Kea. As a Kanaka (native Hawaiian) it is my duty to protect Mauna a Wakea.

I request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

There are many reasons that the TMT should not be built on Mauna Kea, but here are a few that are most personal to me:

Mauna Kea is a sacred place to us Native Hawaiians, considered the piko (navel) or center of our existence, a connection between Wākea (Sky Father) and Papahānaumoku (Earth Mother), and the home to many of our deities and ancestral spirits. Building an 18-story structure is viewed as an irreparable desecration of a spiritual landscape, comparable to building on the inside of a church.

The construction would interfere with traditional and customary Native Hawaiian cultural practices, including ceremonies and spiritual gatherings, which require the mountain to remain in its natural state.

The summit area contains numerous historic and cultural sites, including what are believed to be ancestral burial sites, which would be disturbed by the project's large footprint and underground digging.

The construction site is within a conservation district with a fragile ecosystem that is home to endemic species. The TMT would cause irreparable harm to this environment.

The harm to our aina's crucial groundwater aquifers, there has been past issues with mercury spills from existing observatories.

There are alternative sites that are more than willing to be the home to the TMT.

The overarching theme in my testimony is captured by the principle of Aloha 'Āina (love and respect for the land), which for me and many of my fellow kanaka, means the TMT is simply not welcome on Mauna Kea.

Maha o for your t me,
Mal a Rodr u s

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[EXTERNAL] 'A'OLE TMT

From Cory Nojima [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:08 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Cc Governor Josh Green <governor.green@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e MKSOA Board,

Please Vote 'A'OLE TMT

I am in complete opposition to TMT anywhere on our sacred Mauna Kea!

As a 68 year old Kūpuna I will continue to stand against the government's desire to desecrate our precious Mauna Kea!

I have watched ALL of MKSOA Meeting's and Town hall Sessions online and have appreciated the opportunity to witness the hard-work that the entire board has put in for over 3 years! Their leader John Komeji has taken on this kuleana and leadership with amazing passion to create a safe place for everyone to come to the table and share their individual values providing the opportunity to hear both sides! Eventually the board hired John DeFries as CEO and together with the MKSOA Board they have followed the Sunshine Laws and being extremely transparent. Their hardworking team that is mostly unpaid should be commended as they are truly dedicated to ensuring a fair place for everyone to bring their concerns to the table!

Then this! The governor is a snake in the grass along with the elected Senator's and U.S. Representatives that signed the letter to the TIO, all of whom do not represent me and my desire for Mauna Kea! I totally 💯 disagree with their position, don't trust any of them and say 'A'OLE TMT 🔺🔺🔺 I sincerely disagree with it ever being built or any other telescope for that matter on our scared Mauna Kea!

Please clean up the mess of the current telescope's and don't build anything more!

I pray for the MKSOA Board to make the right decisions and leave politics out of this! I stand in the gap of this spiritual battle humbly asking Ke Akua for favor to keep Mauna Kea sacred 🙏💟✝️💟🙏

Mahalo piha,
Cory Chock Nojima
(Descendant of Manu/Kawelo 'Ohana from Kohala)

Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL] **Testimony no TMT**

From Dea Rackley [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:31 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Cc ahicatcher2@yahoo.com [redacted]

As a voting citizen here on Big Island Hawaii I do not approve of the Governor's over reach in Pushing TMT on to our sacred Mauna.
I request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the Governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable law in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.
A'ole TMT!
Dea Rackley,
Pahoa, Hi.

Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL] **Testimony for Agenda Item E**

From Ariel Patterson [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:41 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

The following is testimony for Agenda Item E at tomorrow's MKSOA meeting: the letter written by Governor Josh Green to the TIO Board of Directors' Chairs, referencing TMT on Mauna Kea.

My name is Ariel Patterson, and I grew up in the moku of Hilo on the island of Hawai'i. I have a connection to Mauna Kea through the work that I have done on Mauna Kea with endangered plant species, particularly Mauna Kea 'āhinahina. Mauna Kea is a reservoir of endangered species and is the foundation of our watershed, which is vital to life on the entire island, human and non-human alike.

I am requesting that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

The thirty-meter telescope (TMT) should not be built anywhere on Mauna Kea, even on a "disturbed site", as is stated in the letter. Every site on Mauna Kea is inextricably linked to the entire mountain, and building TMT anywhere on the mountain will impact the entire mountain, and thus the entire island. The watershed of Mauna Kea is a network of aquifers, underground channels, and aboveground rivers that flow down into the rest of the island and provide freshwater for our communities and ecosystems. Any compromise to this watershed at its source (such as TMT would be), could compromise life as we know it on Hawai'i Island. There is a reason why it is against Hawaiian belief systems to construct anything atop this sacred mountain. Please respect the voices of the original stewards of this land and never allow the construction of TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo ā nui,
Ariel Patterson

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony Regarding Mauna Kea November 2025

From Talia Rios [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:43 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha mai,

'O au nō 'o Talia Kahakuka'alani Rios, a Native Hawaiian student from the island of O'ahu. Mauna Kea is the piko of the lāhui and her protection and peace is of upmost importance to me for the preservation of 'āina for generations to come and out of respect for Papa and Wākea. Much like the rest of our pae moku, Mauna Kea deserves protection from further desecration, including construction of any type.

In this testimony, I would like to request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

Fast-tracking and jumping over hurdles solely for a quicker check is not how the future of Mauna Kea, or any other wahi pana, will be handled. Disregarding the voices of Hawaiians and brazenly defying any sort of process is wrong and a blatantly disrespectful display of silencing Hawaiians and once again taking what is ours.

For years, Hawaiians have strongly opposed construction of TMT on Mauna Kea however it is clear these cries are being ignored. In the year 2025 we should be making efforts to restore land and sovereignty to Hawaiians, not further perpetuating desecration by starting construction on sacred land. Construction of any type atop Mauna Kea would result in debris and contamination to that 'āina, impacting the aquifer and the land of Mauna Kea itself. Disruption to piko will impact the entire 'āina. Hawaiians do not want TMT on Mauna Kea or anywhere in the Hawaiian archipelago! 'A'ole TMT!

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Me ke aloha,
Talia Kahakuka'alani Rios

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony

From a [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:50 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha, my name is Andrea Roussos and I live in Mountain View on Moku o Keawe. I am a settler foreign to this aina and I take very seriously the kuleana that comes with calling this place home. My ohana and I have stood with kia'i against previous attempts to impose foreign infrastructure on Mauna a Wakea, and we will do so again and again, for as long as it takes for these foreign investors to understand that this place is kapu to them.
I ask that the MKSOA remain transparent in these legal processes despite attempts by legislators to shirk accountability in backroom compromises. Too often these processes are deliberately obfuscated to prevent lahui engagement. Too often foreign infrastructure projects are imposed upon lahui despite being in direct conflict with the will of the people. I respectfully request that the MKSOA protect transparency and lahui involment in decision-making going forward.
While the environmental concerns are numerous- (aquifer contamination, heavy metals, neglected cleanups of other decommissioned structures) my personal reason in standing in opposition to the tmt is my unfaltering reverence and commitment to Hawaii, which cannot exist separate from Hawaiians. Mauna a Wakea is sacred piko- that should be the only point necessary to shut down the tmt. To love Hawaii is not to love beaches and palm tree trees and hotels- to love Hawaii is to love Hawaiians and the sacred cultural traditions that have shaped and protected this aina for thousands of years. Anyone who has stood on the mountain in solidarity understands beyond the shadow of a doubt that the TMT will never be built here. Our passionate opposition to this foreign aggression, born of love for this aina and lahui can never be defeated. Our numbers will only grow with every attempt to force the tmt upon us.

Andrea Roussos
[redacted]

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[EXTERNAL] Written testimony MKSOA meeting 11/13

From Luisa Montes [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:55 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Hello MKSOA,

I am writing to provide written testimony for Agenda Item E for the 11/13 MKSOA meeting.

I request that MKSOA resist Gov. Green's overreach and follow a process that is transparent and accountable, aligned with all applicable laws to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

TMT has no place on land that is sacred to Native Hawaiians - the original inhabitants and stewards of this land and who continue to care for the land so future generations can live here sustainably. Hawaiian lands belong under the leadership and direction of Hawaiian hands. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea ever.

Thank you,

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Luisa Montes
[redacted]

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

From Jenn Lee [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:05 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

My name is Jennifer Lee, and I am a resident of Kamuela, Hawai'i and I'm standing in solidarity with Native Hawaiians. 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:

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. Do the right thing!

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Jennifer Lee
Kamuela, HI

Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Written Testimony: Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA)

From Mika Mulkey [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:08 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Mika Mulkey, and I am from Mountain View, Hawai'i. I am submitting this testimony as a Native Hawaiian deeply connected to Mauna Kea, a sacred place that holds cultural, spiritual, and ancestral significance for our people. My kupuna iwi rest there, and their presence reminds us that this mountain is not just land — it is a living ancestor deserving of our highest respect and protection.

I urge the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist excessive overreach by the Governor and to uphold transparency, accountability, and integrity in all decisions regarding Mauna Kea. The process must remain pono and in alignment with all applicable laws, ensuring that the voices of kānaka maoli and the broader community are genuinely heard and respected.

I strongly oppose the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) or any further industrial development on Mauna Kea. The argument that this project will bring jobs is misleading — the promise of economic gain cannot justify desecration. We must stop further harm and instead focus on cleaning up the existing structures and restoring the mauna to its natural and sacred state.

Our future generations deserve to inherit a Mauna Kea that stands tall, unscarred, and honored — not one further desecrated for the sake of science that refuses to see the spirit in the land.

Ua mau ke ea o ka ʻāina i ka pono.

Aloha,

Mika Mulkey

Mountain View, HI/ Mulkey Farms LLC

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[EXTERNAL] MKSOA Board Meeting

From [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 12:45 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Kakou

My name is Malia Nakamura, I currently live in Waikoloa, my Ohana is from the Waimea/Kohala District.

For seven generations, there have been stories retold of family members who are ancestors of, have lived on, learned directly from, and have deep-rooted connections with Mauna Kea Mountain. Today we continue Cultural Practices and Ceremonies, we are grateful to honor and know the importance of this Mountain, the resources within and around the different elevation levels that we want to secure for those of future generations.
It's a forever bond, a lifetime love that is passed on, we are protective of our Mountain just as you'd be of an elder.

Mauna Kea is Sacred and this is my connection to the Mountain.

I am requesting that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

This project is not right for our Mountain. The environmental impact would be severe. There is absolutely no benefit within this project that out-weighs the destruction and disturbance it would cause for the land, our water resource, and ultimately the health of our people and generations to come.

Please consider with priority for the land and the people.

Standing on behalf of Mauna Kea Mountain

Me ke aloha,

Malia Nakamura

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[EXTERNAL] My testimony as Kia'i for the Mauna

From Grant Wolf [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 12:54 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha mai kakou,
Respects to all our 'ohana who have been stewards of Mauna Kea since the beginning. Our 'ohana has been part of court testimony in more modern times against any building of the 30 mm telescope and in the testimony our ancestors from centuries ago were acknowledged with the highest chiefs of our indigenous (endemic according to our Kumu Lipo) ancestors who were known as the stewards of the mountain and solid protectors of what is deemed la'a to us. As descendants of Kauwe who were connected with this mauna and whose uncle tried to keep everyone off our traditional and cultural place since the 1970's we feel that enough uis enough. As kia'i, I myself have stood there on the mauna in the past to protect it as have my 'ohana and kupuna since even before the 30 MM was a threat to our sacred mauna/mountain. We will fight with all we have to prevent the desecration of our sacred place. Nowhere on the mountain is fit for construction of something that would attract outsiders not only to disrespect our sacred place of ancestors for eons, but to threaten the endemic life and rare creatures existing therein. It will be a very bad event for not only us Kanaka Maoli (Indigenous Hawaiians), but everyone nearby on the island. These sacred things should and must be respected. Mahalo for hearing me out! Me ke Aloha!
– Koa Wolf

November 11, 2025

Cindy Freitas

[redacted]

Mauna Kea Stewarship

and Oversight Authority

Date: November 13, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

[redacted]

RE: Testimony

He Mele komo a he mele aloha no na kupuna o ke au i hala Aloha mai kakou.

Aloha,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I'm a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai'i.
I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the continued advancement of management plans, authority actions, and policy decisions under MKSOA, as they currently fail to comply with the laws protecting Native Hawaiian rights, and are influenced by political offices that lack jurisdiction and authority over Mauna a Wākea.

1. The Governor and Mayor Have No Lawful Authority Over Mauna a Wākea

Pursuant to Act 255, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022, the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority is established as the *sole state entity* responsible for the management of lands above the 6,500-foot elevation of Mauna a Wākea.

Act 255 clearly supersedes prior authority held by the University of Hawai'i, and it does not grant any management or decision-making power to the Governor or the County Mayor. Their roles are limited to administrative appointments and budgetary oversight—not to influence or dictate the substance of MKSOA decisions.

Therefore, any interference, recommendation, or directive from the Governor's or Mayor's offices regarding stewardship, telescope operations, decommissioning schedules, or land management constitutes an overreach and violation of statutory limits under Act 255 and the Hawai'i Constitution.

Legal Authority:

Act 255, SLH 2022, §2(b) — "The authority shall be the principal entity with decision-making power and management responsibility over Mauna Kea lands."

Hawai'i Constitution, Article XI, Section 1 — Natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of present and future generations, not for political or private control.

Hawai'i Constitution, Article XII, Section 7 — Protects Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, requiring the State to "protect all rights customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes."

2. Decision-Making Kuleana Belongs to Native Hawaiian Practitioners and the Lāhui

The Supreme Court of Hawai'i has repeatedly affirmed that state and county agencies must give independent weight and protection to Native Hawaiian customary and traditional practices before taking any action affecting natural and cultural resources.

Supporting Case Law:

1. **Ka Pa'akai o Ka 'Āina v. Land Use Commission**, 94 Hawai'i 31 (2000)

Requires state agencies to make specific findings that identify:
a) the cultural practices affected;
b) the extent of likely impacts; and
c) feasible actions to protect customary practices.

MKSOA's current agenda, planning process, and consultation do not meet this standard.

2. **Public Access Shoreline Hawai'i (PASH) v. Hawai'i County Planning Commission**, 79 Hawai'i 425 (1995)

Affirms that Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights "must be protected to the extent feasible" and that development actions must be balanced with cultural practice rights.

MKSOA's planning for observatory decommissioning and land transition still centers institutional interests over practitioner rights.

3. **In re Contested Case Hearing re Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) HA-3568**, 136 Hawai'i 376 (2015) ("TMT Case")

The Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled that due process was violated when the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) approved the Thirty Meter Telescope permit before a proper contested-case hearing.

This precedent establishes that any future permitting, land use, or operational actions under MKSOA must fully comply with contested-case procedures, including cultural practitioner participation from the outset.

4. **Pele Defense Fund v. Paty**, 73 Haw. 578 (1992)

    - Confirms that Native Hawaiians retain rights to access undeveloped lands for cultural, religious, and subsistence practices, independent of ownership or lease status.

3. Environmental and Cultural Oversight Is Incomplete

The Authority is advancing actions—including decommissioning, property maintenance, and management planning—without first establishing baseline cultural and environmental impact assessments. This violates both state law and public-trust doctrine obligations.

Applicable Law:

Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) §343-5 — Requires an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) before approval of any action that may affect the environment.

Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) §11-200.1-13 — Defines cumulative impact and mandates consideration of cultural and ecological effects.

HRS §6E-8 — Requires consultation with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and cultural descendants prior to any project affecting historic or cultural properties.

To proceed without these reviews violates the public trust doctrine and constitutional fiduciary duties recognized in *Waiahole Ditch Combined Cases*, 94 Hawai‘i 97 (2000), which require the State and its agencies to protect natural and cultural resources as trustees, not exploit them for development.

4. Requests for Immediate Action

I respectfully request that the MKSOA:

1. Publicly affirm that the Governor and Mayor have no authority to direct or approve decisions related to Mauna a Wākea’s management or development;
2. Establish a Native Hawaiian Cultural Oversight Council with equal or superior authority to MKSOA’s administrative board, composed solely of recognized practitioners and lineal descendants;
3. Suspend all planning or project actions until cultural, environmental, and legal compliance is verified under Act 255, HRS §343, HRS §6E, and constitutional mandates;
4. Commit to holding open, district-based community sessions in West Hawai‘i, Ka‘ū, and Hāmākua to receive testimony from practitioners unable to attend in Hilo.

5. Conclusion

Mauna a Wākea is not a political jurisdiction or a project site—it is a sacred ancestor and living temple of our people.
Neither the Governor nor the Mayor may lawfully exercise decision-making authority over her lands or destiny. That kuleana belongs to the Native Hawaiian people, cultural practitioners, and the lāhui as a matter of law, genealogy, and divine trust.

Until MKSOA honors its statutory independence under Act 255 and its constitutional duty to Native Hawaiians, I **oppose** any further administrative or planning actions on Mauna a Wākea.

Mahalo,

_____/s/_____

Cindy Freitas

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[EXTERNAL] 'A'ole TMT

From Grant Wolf [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 1:07 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To: Mauna Kea Authority,

Aloha mai Kakou,

A'ole TMT! We must not allow any building on our sacred mauna. We represent the Kauwe 'ohana who are descendants directly from the Mauna Kea and protectors since at least several hundred years ago. We ourselves have gone to the Mauna in modern times and will continue to do so on behalf of our Lahui and fellow Kia'i. We are the true stewards and do not wish to be trumped or overridden by illegality and outcomes paid and bought for to destroy us with agendas completely disregarding our sacred ancestors and lands we used for sacred purposes. It is cultural bigotry to think one has the right to do as they like to another culture's sacred and spiritual place. We cannot accept this agenda that is only for those who wish to profit off our backs and destroy what matters to us and our ancestors. There is no way we will agree and there are many thousands of us. We do not appreciate being made minimal and to be represented as much less significant than we actually are. We stand strong for what we believe because sacred land and places of prayer and connection with our ancestors is our tradition and our right. If we came and dug up the elders of somebody's grave in one graveyard in another country those people would be appalled. The people wanting to do this to our Mauna would all be appalled if someone desecrated the remains of their past family members, but are trying to move forward in disrespecting ours this way for a profit. There are other places to choose better than our region, forcing us to lose our sacred site or have it compromised would be a loss for all that our ancestors have always protected and if we came and desecrated the graves of others when our people went to visit other lands or bought our way into someone else's backyard or graveyard it is equally as wrong. We think many choose not to see this and do not care. Money and greed had blinded them from morality! Shame on all who push this agenda still! We the people of Hawai'i Nei in our Ko Hawai'i Pae 'Aina have spoken! Ku Kia'i Mauna! Mahalo nui for hear us out!
-Koa Wolf

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[EXTERNAL] testimony for Mauna a Wākea

From Renee Price [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 1:44 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

We wish to express a profound concern regarding the structural integrity and inherent stability of natural geological formations. Extensive development activities or the introduction of substantial pressures upon such landscapes carry considerable potential for compromising their delicate balance and long-term resilience.

Such interventions introduce significant risks, and the potential for severe or even catastrophic outcomes must be meticulously evaluated and mitigated. It is imperative to consider that the repercussions of such environmental disturbances are often borne most heavily by those who maintain a deep, intrinsic connection to the land, while others may remain detached from the long-term consequences.

For many, these natural foundations are far more than mere physical structures; they are sacred repositories of our heritage, imprinted with the enduring legacy and ancestral footsteps of generations. We are committed to an ethic of profound stewardship, advocating for the preservation and protection of these invaluable sites, rather than their exploitation. Our approach emphasizes responsible custodianship to ensure the integrity and sanctity of these foundational elements for all future generations.

Mauna a Wākea holds the footprints of our ancestors. We do not take our lands for granted, we respect and care for our foundation (our ʻāina,) we were directed by our last Queen to mālama (care for) our ʻāina and our people.

Because you have no connection to our lands it's easy for you to play Russian Roulette because there is a gamble for disaster. It is dormant, desecration can cause conflict at anytime. You can just turn and walk away unscathed! All you lose is your materials and labor, we stand a chance of losing our mauna. We stand a chance of our main water catchment being affected. You hold no liability to our lands...to the point of the other telescopes have ruined the land with leaking chemicals into the land!

I worked for the federal government Conservation Initiative land rules states "IT MUST BE RETURNED TO ITS NATURAL HABITAT!" There is no way you could ever do this and others have proved they just did not care. They (TMT) have to abide by the EIS permitting process that states this.

Now is the time for us to say no, enough is enough no more giving into foreigners who just take advantage. We have had to clean up garbage other telescopes left behind!

I will continue to stand for our Aloha ʻAina until my last breath!

R Pr ce

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item E/ Refer to Item IX

From Susan RobertsEmery [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 2:46 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov> [redacted]

Aloha Honorable Members of the Board,

My name is Susan RobertsEmery, I am Co-chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i. I write to you today, on behalf of the Green Party of Hawai'i and all of our members. We stand in strong opposition to green lighting another Telescope on top of Mauna Kea. No matter , if this is on a decommissioned area of the Mauna. Not one treaty has been upheld and honored when it comes to the pollution, the mauling of sacred lands, and the clean up of these monstrous telescopes. Time to stop the Colonizer/ settler mentality in Hawai'i.

The letter dated on Oct 24, 2025, Letter to Principles of Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory (TIO), from Governor Green and Hawai'i Congressional Delegation , referring to Item IX , is something that many people living here on Hawai'i Island do not agree with. This letter was signed by Brian Schatz, Ed Case, Josh Green, Marie Hirono, and Jill Tokuda. All of them are currently elected officials. They seem to be selling out this Island yet again! They state " clear and transparent procedure for obtaining the necessary permits associated with a

decommissioned site. “ This sounds like a done deal ! But no , this is not a done deal and those of us with a heart that beats as one will rise to say NO MORE TELESCOPES. Enough harm has been done to the land, water, air, trees, rocks, animals, humans. We are all one and we need to respect each and every one of these entities. All flourishing is mutual. Without one we will crumble. The time has come to honor our only place we call home, money will not save us, only “we” can save us.

The letter, ends with a conflicting statement.
“ We look forward to working with TIO and the broader community to honor the shared responsibility for stewardship of Maunakea and the success of this project. “

These words are cheap and there is no place on this earth where, “stewardship of Maunakea and the success of this project” are even in the same realm. These two statements , polar opposites of each other, politely placed in this sentence are showing the true colors of the elected officials to sell out Hawaiis sacred places yet again.
Please, for the sake of all future generations , vote no on this ridiculous scenario.
NO TMT!
The Green Party of Hawai’i thanks you for your vision on this very important issue.

Susan RobertsEmery
Co-chair GPH
Paauilo, HI

November 11, 2025

To DRS. YANG and TSUNETA, BRIAN SCHATZ, ED CASE, MAZIE HIRONO, JILL TOKUDA, JOSH GREEN, WENDY HENSEL, and JOHN KOMEIJI:

My name is Mahealani Martin. I am a sovereign Kanaka Maoli from the Hawaiian Kingdom. I know this by way of my genealogy linking me to Mauna Kea to every Deity and to every Ali'i. Today, I support the Kia'i as I am a Protector of our Mauna and I will stand firm against the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). I am addressing this important issue from Oahu. First of all, I am going to make this very clear without sugar coating the truth. I would like to know, what rights do any of you have here in Hawaii to be doing this or anything else? Do any of you know or care about the amount of war crimes being committed without a Treaty of Annexation? Remember, there are no statues of limitations on war crimes and by following the agenda of the status quo you will be punished for your involvement. You should be asking the congressional delegates or Josh Green who represent Hawaii for proof that there is indeed a Treaty of Annexation before you decide to proceed with the build of TMT. We are very adamant about standing up against the many crimes and corruption that have occurred for over a century, for we know if we didn't stand up against them, we would not be here today.

This is not the first time that we will be faced with this issue and we will be ready to stop the desecration of our sacred Mauna at all cost. You can send the law enforcement officers to arrest us like you have done in the past but, we will be ready to face all of you down by the thousands. We are also aware that this so called telescope will be used as a militarized weapon where Hawaii has become a huge military base making us a target for a nuclear attack.

With the illegal occupation of the belligerent United States and usurpation of the military, they are in violation of international law and without a Treaty of Annexation that they cannot prove one exists. The United States claimed they annexed Hawaii through a Joint Resolution, is not a Treaty. We all know that Treaties are the highest law of the land. One must look at this very incriminating fact before engaging in business with corrupt politicians or you will get dragged down with them. To think that you have legal jurisdiction without a Treaty of Annexation and claiming that Hawaii is a part of the United States or 50th state is an illusion of delusional thinking is a real sickness. To carry on daily with this kind of mentality is crazy if not, dangerous. Most of you are not from this place nor do you have any legal standing in the Hawaiian Kingdom. You are committing crimes against aboriginal people and everything that are deemed sacred to us. We will not allow you to desecrate our Mauna for power and profit and we will be ready to defend what is sacred. We understand that if the TMT continues to be supported to be built on top of the Mauna by anyone of you addressed above you can assure that your names will be included on the list of war criminals in The Hague, if not already.

See you on the Mauna!!!

Mahealani Martin
Kia'i, Sovereign, Kanaka Maoli from the Hawaiian Kingdom

cc: The Hague ICJ

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony - Opposing the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) Construction on Mauna Kea... 'A'ole TMT

From Kahikilani Akana [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:00 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To the Honorable Members of Mauna kea Stewardship and oversight Authority (MKSOA)

Subject: Opposing the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) Construction on Mauna Kea

Aloha. My name is Kahikilani Akana (Rebecca Kahikilani Akana)

I am a born native from Ke'ei Kona Hema on Moku O Keawe and although I live away from Hawai'i, I am very much in supporting this effort to protest against TMT. I will always be a Kia'i for our Mauna a Wākea no matter where I am.

I submit this testimony in unwavering opposition to the proposed construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea. This is not a choice between science and culture; it is a fight for **kuleana** (responsibility), self-determination, and the physical and spiritual integrity of our most sacred lands.

'A'OLE TMT on our Mauna Kea.

The construction of the TMT is fundamentally incompatible with the principles of conservation and respect for the land that must guide the stewardship of Mauna Kea.

1. Cultural and Spiritual Desecration of Mauna a Wākea

In our lineage, Mauna Kea is Mauna a Wākea, the first-born child of Wākea (Sky Father) and Papahānaumoku (Earth Mother). It is revered as the *piko*, or sacred center, of Hawai'i Island—the axis that connects the earth to the heavens and the generations of our people to our origin story.

The mountain summit is *wao akua*, the realm of the deities, including Poli'ahu, the Snow Goddess. To place the massive, eighteen-story structure of the TMT—the largest construction project proposed on the island—onto this spiritual site is an act of profound and irreversible desecration. The argument that the TMT will be placed on a previously developed site ignores the cumulative impact and the deeply held belief that the entire summit area is a sacred landscape. This is a perpetual violation of our traditional and customary practices.

2. Damage to the Environment and Natural Resources

While proponents often cite mitigation measures, the history of astronomy on Mauna Kea has demonstrated a consistent failure to protect the mountain's fragile and rare resources. The

co struct on a d co t ued ma t ance of th rt observator s troduce s g f ca t r sks that our frag cosyst m ca ot afford:

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- **Ecosystem Loss:** Th summit hosts a rare a d uniqu h h-alt tud cosyst m. Ev l mit d d sturbance creas s th vul rab l ty of da r d sp c s a d u qu s ct l f .
- **Waste and Rubbish:** The pres c of mor frastructure v tably l ads to creas d wast a d pot tial co tami at o , v olat g th fu dame tal pr c pl of l av g sacr d spaces cl an r tha th y w r fou d.

We cannot trad the irr plac able, d licat natural r sourc s of our home for a sin l sci ntific instrument, no matt r its pot ntial. The prot ction of our nvironment is th ultimat kuleana.

3. The Fight for Sovereignty and Accountability

Th TMT co fl ct is not mer ly a la d-us debat ; t s a moder ma f stat o of th strug l for Hawa an self-d t rmi at on. Th d c sio to proc d acks th fr , pr or, a d formed co s t (FP C) of th Nat v Hawa a commu ty, ma y of whom regard th co t uous us of c d d a ds for fore proj cts as a o o syst mic njust c .

We are ot a a st astro omy; our a c stors w r master av ators who us d th stars to f d th s sla ds. We are a ai st th *system* that allows th co t u d appropr at o of sacr d land a d th oppr ss on of l d enous r hts. Th TMT project s a symbol of this imbala c , and t s t m for a w model of gov r a ce a d st wardsh p bas d o Nat v Hawa a valu s.

In closing, I urge you to listen to the voices of the Kia'i. I urge you to protect Mauna a Wākea. Stop the TMT construction and commit to the decommissioning and removal of existing structures to begin the restoration of the summit. The time for reconciliation and respect is now.

E kūpa'a kākou no ka pono o Mauna a Wākea....

Mahalo nui loa.

Na'u ō,

Kahikilani Akana

(Kia'i o Mauna a Wākea)

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

From Brian Ng [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:04 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Brian Ng, and I am a resident of Hawaii County. 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:

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,

Brian Ng
Kamuela, HI

Outlook

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

From sahara rivera [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:09 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Sahara Rivera, and I am a resident of Honolulu, HI and a supporter standing in solidarity from Oahu. 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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Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Sahara Rivera
Honolulu, HI

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[EXTERNAL] Maunakea Testimony

From Manitou Love [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:10 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha! My name is Spirit Angelfish and I live in the Puna district on the big island of Hawaii.

I am writing to voice my stance and support of people protecting Mauna kea. I say no to the 30 m telescope and stand with indigenous Hawaiians and protecting their sacred land.

Respectfully, I ask: a'ole TMT

Let's protect the aina for future generations!

With warmth and aloha,
Spirit Angelfish

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda VI.C & E

From Bianca Isaki [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:12 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 disappointing and disturbing. The letter, addressed to the TMT International Observatory, not to the people the delegation are elected to represent, states 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".

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.

Communities across Hawai`i and the world have already made clear that Mauna Kea is not an appropriate site for the TMT. The congressional delegation and Governor's attempts to sidestep and rewrite this clear position is improper and should be disregarded.

I urge the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to reject this attempt by the Governor and congressional delegates to confuse issues.

Thank you for your time,

Bianca Isaki

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item E

From kapulei flores [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:23 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian who was born and raised in the town of Waimea, seeing Mauna Kea everyday. I have been a part of the Protect Mauna Kea movement for truly most of my life, and here I am once again writing testimony for the protection of Mauna Kea from the construction of the TMT. After over 13 years of the people saying no to the TMT in Hawai'i, the only solution they're trying is another site on the mauna? Why would we all of a sudden be ok with a different spot on the mauna when the whole point is no TMT on the mauna **at all.** Being on MKSOA means you folks have the ability to help us as a people protect our land and safeguard our resources. Please don't let foreign corporations and greed overtake our sacred places and cultural ways of life.

As MKSOA I ask that you folks resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability that is in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

I urge MKSOA to:
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.

Please help us protect the land that we still have.

Mahalo,
Kapulei Flores

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

From Brooke Yee [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:29 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Brooke Tuulima, and I am a resident of Honolulu, Hawaii, a Native Hawaiian standing in solidarity from my home in Hawaii Kai. 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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Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Brooke Tuulima
Honolulu, Hawaii

Outlook

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

From Brooke Yee [redacted]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:30 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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Kamilonui Valley