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

From Brayden Van Kuren [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:35 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,

'O wau 'o Brayden Keonaokalani Van Kuren. First off, Mauna a Wākea is my kūpuna. As a mo'opuna of ko Hawai'i pae 'āina, it is my kuleana to aloha 'āina, in whatever manner necessary. Therefore, I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to **resist** and **deny** this excessive overreach by Governor Josh Green and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

Time and time again, our voices—the voices that these government officials supposedly serve—are being neglected, disregarded, and misrepresented. 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 depend on it from below. More so, the chorus of us kia'i o Hawai'i continues to echo across the honua, calling our fellow supporters to rise again.

During previous contested case hearings, UH/TMT previously stated that 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 the public processes associated with them. Is it really worth all the hassle to once again devastate the local community?

Also, 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, and attempt to roll over the will and peace of the community. We, the Hawaiian people, are being taken for granted. In fact, these undermining actions are also neglects of our spiritual and cultural identity. That is **Hewa**.

As a reminder, Hawai'i is an illegally occupied nation, and thus, this call of resistance against the development of the TMT is made with the acknowledgement of the Hawaiian nation's existence and the claim to Mauna a Wākea being Hawaiian national lands. All in all, it is every corporation's responsibility to protect and honor Hawaiian culture, traditions, and practices—as it is present in **every kanaka maoli** and **every wahi kapu** (sacred place) in Hawai'i.

Ultimately, 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.

A hiki i ke aloha 'āina hope loa,
Brayden Keonaokalani Van Kuren

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

From Victoria Kaeo [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:39 PM

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

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

My name is Victoria Kaeo, and I am a resident of Ka'u, 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 sacred Mauna Kea.

Allowing further industrial expansion, even under the guise of "relocation", continues a long legacy of disrespect toward Kanaka Maoli stewardship and the 'aina itself.

The existing 13 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. The lack of accountability is extremely concerning and there should NOT be any new construction until these past desecrations are made pono.

NO to TMT

Mahalo,
Victoria Kaeo

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition to TMT and any "relocation" on Mauna Kea (agenda item E)

From Krista Carr [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:39 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Krista Carr, and I am a resident of (Fairfield /CA) / a Native Hawaiian / a supporter standing in solidarity. 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,
Krista Carr
Fairfield CA/ Kaneohe

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

From Ma y Ke I i i [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:47 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Mary Kealaiki, and I am a Native Hawaiian standing in solidarity from Keaau, HI 96749. 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. As we have stated for years on end, we **do not** support the construction of this telescope on our sacred land.

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Mary Kealaiki

Keaau/Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

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

From Scott Whitmarsh II [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:53 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Scott Whitmarsh II, and I am a resident of Hilo, HI and an ally to the 'āina, Kānaka, Kia'i of the Mauna and Mauna Kea. 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 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,

Scott Whitmarsh II
HILO, HI

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

From Rosanna Chang [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:03 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Rosanna Chang and I am a resident of Kohala. I am a local supporter standing in solidarity from Hawi, 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:

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,
Rosanna Chang
Hawi, HI

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item 9

From E in Weingarten [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:06 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 Erin Weingarten. My connection to Maunakea is that I live on Hawai'i island in Hilo. I stand with Kanaka Maoli and honor Mauna a Wākea as their ancestor.

I know that Mauna Kea is a piko for the Hawaiian people, a spiritual/genealogical connection point between earth and sky. Building TMT is a desecration, akin to constructing a massive industrial complex on a church, mosque, or temple.

The construction of TMT continues a long history of colonization by representing a continuation of settler colonialism. In this case, using Indigenous lands for Western science and development without consent. Hawai'i is illegally overthrown and annexed and opposing TMT is an anti colonial act that challenges the idea that scientific progress should come at the cost of Native sovereignty.

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, bump fists, and attempt to 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.

Thank you for your time,

Erin

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and any relocation on Mauna Kea

From GinnyJo Min mishin [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:08 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is GinnyJo Minamishin and I am of Hawaii Island, Kailua-Kona, a Native Hawaiian / a supporter standing in solidarity. 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 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,

GinnyJo Minamishin
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea

From Pono McNeil [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:09 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

NA KUPUNA MOKU O KEAWE

NOTICE OF TRESPASS

You are hereby noticed that this property located on the Northern Plateau of Mauna Kea, Island of Hawaii lawfully belongs to the Hawaiian Kingdom Government and no permission has been granted by said Government for its use or conversion.

It is by Presumption of Fact that the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to exist and that there is no evidence of any lawful document or treaty of cession to the contrary.

It is therefore the demand that you
CEASE AND DESIST AND VACATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.

RAMIFICATIONS FOR
FAILURE TO COMPLY

Should you fail to comply with this notice and demand, know that you do so with complete knowledge of personal liabilities for yourselves and your partner corporations.

You may be personally liable for Fraudulent Conversion along with personal violations of International Laws regarding Pillage.

Further note that any and all structures placed on said property is subject to confiscation without financial compensation.

This action is being taken by Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe and that all information shall be transmitted to the acting Hawaiian Kingdom Government.

Hanalei Fergerstrom
Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe



Doing what we can to bring the cause out into the open so we can get some resolve.

Hank Fergerstrom

♥ He Hawaii au! ♥

♥ #IMUA_EA ♥ Pono Kealoha 🍷

Sent from my iPhone

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

From jenomo [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:10 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 Joy Lehuanani Enomoto. I am Kanaka Maoli kia'i and is my ancestor.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is highly disappointing and disturbing. The letter, which is addressed to the TMT International Observatory instead of 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."

May we remind you that the people of Hawai'i have repeatedly made it clear that we will not allow the TMT to be built on Mauna Kea. Our position has not changed. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. Thousands of people who have stood to protect Mauna a Wākea from becoming a place for industrial development for decades, continue the refrain across the pae 'āina - 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 those permits.

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, and attempt to deny the voice of the people from those communities and directly impacted by those decisions.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and to 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 and our people never relinquished. This is also the largest freshwater aquifer in all of Hawai'i. If necessary, we will stand again and again and for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Mahalo nui for your time,
Joy Enomoto

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

From Ann Ma tell [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:12 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,
My name is Anna Martell, and I am a resident of Ukraine, a supporter standing in solidarity from Ukraine. 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 'aina 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 no 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 or place TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.
2. Prioritize the protection and restoration of Mauna Kea's summit and ecosystems.
3. Uphold the principle of Kanaka Maoli stewardship and ensure full community participation in all decision-making processes.

Mauna Kea is sacred. She (Pele) deserves respect, not continued exploitation.

Stand with the people of Hawai'i and protect our sacred mountain for future generations.

This is not the first campaign on behalf of Mauna Kea, so please provide the right actions towards protection, restoration and conservation of Mauna Kea and the Hawaiian lands in general.

A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea or any other sacred places in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your time and consideration, Anna Martell

Ukraine
[REDACTED]

[EXTERNAL] Subject: MKSOA Public Testimony Submission by Kapi'olani Spencer

From K piolani Spencer [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:13 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To: Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA)
Date: November 13, 2025
From: Kapi'olani Spencer
Subject: Public Testimony – Stewardship of Maunakea

Aloha kākou,

My name is Kapi'olani Spencer, and I submit this testimony in strong support of culturally grounded, community-based management of Maunakea.

As MKSOA begins its next phase under Act 255 (2022), I urge the Authority to embed Native Hawaiian leadership, language, and protocols within every level of decision-making. The establishment of the Kua o Wākea Management Planning Collective must prioritize genuine Hawaiian governance—where cultural practitioners hold authority, not merely advisory roles.

I also urge full transparency in the Long-Term Transition Working Group's decommissioning process, including public release of archaeological and cultural assessments, protection of iwi kūpuna, and clear cost-sharing accountability.

Maunakea is a sacred trust handed to this generation. Your actions will define how our descendants understand stewardship and balance between culture, science, and 'āina.

Let this Authority model true aloha 'āina: protect sacred sites, restore ecosystems, uplift cultural access, and return decision-making to the people most connected to this mountain.

Mahalo for your time, your dedication, and your willingness to listen to those who carry this kuleana in our hearts.

Me ke aloha 'āina,
Kapi'olani Spencer

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

From Heather Ba [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:15 PM

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

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

My name is Heather Baraka, and I am a resident of Captain Cook/Ka'awaloa, 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.

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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,

Heather Baraka

Captain Cook/Ka'awaloa, Hawai'i



[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item E for this upcoming MKSOA meeting on 11/13/2025

From K pua Olson [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:26 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Mai kākou,

My name is Kapua Olson and I reside in Keauhou mauka on Hawai'i Island. I am born and raised here on Hawai'i island and have a deep respect and love for our culture and 'aina.

I am writing you 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.

I do not want TMT build on Mauna Kea and further desecrate this land.

Na'u,

Kapua Olson

[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX

From [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:38 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Welina me ke aloha ‘āina e Chair Komeji, Vice Chair Wong-Wilson, and members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

‘O Kanoa ko‘u inoa. I was born twenty-one years ago where Mauna a Wākea and Kōhala meet in Waimea, and countless thousands of my kūpuna ‘ōiwi lived their entire lives on Moku o Keawe without ever seeing construction on Mauna a Wākea. The complete absence of Western astronomical observatories on Mauna a Wākea never once made their lives worse in any way. I am a proud rank-and-file member of the Ko‘olaupoko-wide branch of the growing and grassroots organization Ka Ahahui Hawaii Aloha Aina (AKA Hui Aloha Aina), and I stand in unwavering solidarity with my fellow KAHAA members who are in Hui Aloha Aina o Hilo and Hui Aloha Aina o Kona and who also love Mauna a Wākea as a beloved **family** member.

The October 24th letter from Josh Green, Mazie Hirono, Brian Schatz, Ed Case, and Jill Tokuda is highly disappointing and disturbing. The letter, addressed to the TMT International Observatory, not to the people who 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 are below. The refrain of thousands across Kō Hawai‘i Pae ‘Āina and the world remains “Kū ki‘ai Mauna!”

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

The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much of what we are seeing across US-occupied lands, where money-hungry corporations and the politicians they fund talk behind closed doors, bump fists, and attempt to steamroll over the will and peace of the community.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by Josh Green, Mazie Hirono, Brian Schatz, Ed Case, and Jill Tokuda to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna a Wākea.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Mauna a Wākea is not just sacred; These are Hawaiian national lands that neither the Hawaiian Kingdom's government nor people ever relinquished. I personally commit to standing again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect our Mauna, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Me ke aloha 'āina,
Kanoa Makaanahela Ventura-Barreto

[EXTERNAL] 'Aole TMT is No TMT anywhere on the Mauna

From Jim Albe tini [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:42 PM

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

To Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority

Aloha MKSOA Board members,

Testimony submitted Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025 via email 9PM

'Aole TMT is No TMT anywhere on the Mauna

First some background. I am president of Malu'Aina Center for Non-violent Education and Action, a Hawaii Non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1979. Before the founding of our organization I taught at St. Anne's Catholic School in Kaneohe and coordinated a Peace Education Project for 9 years sponsored by the University Christian Ministry at the University of Hawaii at Manoa based in the Wesley Foundation of the United Methodist Church on University Ave.

Our Malu 'Aina organization is all volunteer. We are a grassroots supported organization. We neither seek nor accept any governmental or foundation money to maintain our independent critical voice on social issues.

We grow organic food on our Ola'a based farm in Puna to share with people in need. We have been doing that for 45 years, before there was an Hawaii Island Food Bank/Food Basket. Since 1989 we have served as a Puna Emergency Food Pantry for the Hawaii Island Food Bank/Food Basket. Puna is one of the poorest areas in the State.

We also do educational work for justice, peace, and aloha 'aina. Over 5 decades I have tried to stand in solidarity with Kanaka Maoli land struggles. Kalama Valley across from Sandy beach on Oahu where 32 Hawaiian farmers were arrested on their rooftops being evicted to make way for a luxury golf course. Waiahole-Waikane valley farmer evictions, Hale Mohalu Hawaiian Hansen (leprosy) patients being evicted in Pearl City. In fact our name --Malu 'Aina which means Land of Peace was given by Bernard Punikaia of Hale Mohalu. And struggle after struggle...

In over 5 decades of non-violent activism for justice, peace and aloha 'aina, I have been arrested on several occasions. Two of those occasions --2015 and 2019 involved standing for justice with Kanaka Maoli on Mauna Kea to protect their Sacred Mauna from TMT further desecration. For the record, neither I nor our organization has ever been contacted by TIO Project Manager Liu for constructive engagement to understand "diverse perspectives surrounding the construction of TMT" as noted in the Oct. 24, 2025 Governor letter. You would think that TIO would want to hear from those willing to be arrested to protect the sacred.

Frankly I find the Governor's letter of Oct. 24, 2025 to TMT officials, co-signed by Hawaii's 4 US Congressional members to be extremely insulting and offensive. It ignores the basic spiritual concerns of Hawaii's Native people -- respect for the Sacred Mauna. It ignores decades of resistance. It proceeds on the phony premise that relocating the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on the disturbed site of the previous sub millimeter telescope should be no problem. That is simply adding insult to injury. And if you don't realize that, we have a serious problem.

It's like Dr. Josh Green wanting a \$10 Billion dollar sell out so the US military can continue to bomb and shell Pohakuloa, desecrate cultural and historic sites, contaminate the aina, and possibly the aquifers below Pohakuloa with a wide variety of toxins, including Depleted Uranium radiation, endangering the health and safety of generations to come. Depleted Uranium has a half life of 4.5 Billion years. How many generations is that?

The 133,000 acre Pohakuloa Training Area, like the summit of Mauna Kea, is a Conservation district, the State's highest protected land status. Let us show some respect. Like it's been said many times -- Before we look into space, we need to malama this place. No More TMT. No More Bombing. It's time for justice, peace, and aloha 'aina.

Jim Albertini

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

From B i n Rodrique [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:42 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Briana Rodrique, and I am a resident of Hilo, HI. 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, 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 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,
Briana Rodrique
Hilo, HI 96720
[REDACTED]

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

From Alvin Aino [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:51 PM

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

Testimony Template for MKSOA Meeting November 13, 2025

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

My name is Alvin Ainoa, and I am a resident of Mountain View, Hawaii / a Native Hawaiian and lineal descendant. 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,

Alvin Ainoa

Hawaiian cultural practitioner

[EXTERNAL] Agenda item 9

From Reality Sergeant [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:56 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 Reality Sergeant, and I am an organizer with the party for socialism and liberation. My connection to Maunakea is that I was born and raised in Hilo town. I am not Kanaka Maoli but I am connected to these people and this land, and believe in and will fight for the Hawaiian people's right to self determination.

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, bump fists, and attempt to 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.

Thank you for your time,

Reality Sergeant

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

From Veronica Suchy [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:10 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is **Veronica Suchy**, and I am a resident of Honolulu. 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.

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Veronica Suchy

Resident of O'ahu

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

From Ruth Yaw t [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:11 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Ruth Yawata, I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Seattle, WA and I was born and raised on the Big Island in Waimea. 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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Thank you for your time and consideration,
Ruth Yawata

[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea No TMT

From Pono McNeil [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:28 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

NA KUPUNA MOKU O KEAWE

NOTICE OF TRESPASS

You are hereby noticed that this property located on the Northern Plateau of Mauna Kea, Island of Hawaii lawfully belongs to the Hawaiian Kingdom Government and no permission has been granted by said Government for its use or conversion.

It is by Presumption of Fact that the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to exist and that there is no evidence of any lawful document or treaty of cession to the contrary.

It is therefore the demand that you
CEASE AND DESIST AND VACATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.

RAMIFICATIONS FOR
FAILURE TO COMPLY

Should you fail to comply with this notice and demand, know that you do so with complete knowledge of personal liabilities for yourselves and your partner corporations.

You may be personally liable for Fraudulent Conversion along with personal violations of International Laws regarding Pillage.

Further note that any and all structures placed on said property is subject to confiscation without financial compensation.

This action is being taken by Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe and that all information shall be transmitted to the acting Hawaiian Kingdom Government.

Hanalei Fergerstrom
Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe
P.O. Box 951
Kurtistown, Hawaii 96760
[REDACTED]

Doing what we can to bring the cause out into the open so we can get some resolve.

Hank Fergerstrom

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Please Stop the Contunuing GENOCIDE since 1893!!!

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

From Moni Nguyen [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:32 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Monica Nguyen, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Portland, OR. 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.

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Thank you,
Monica Nguyen
Portland, OR

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

From Mahie Albinio [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 9:34 PM

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

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

My name is Mahie Albinio and I am a kanaka maoli from Waimānalo. 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 a Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i that, for generations, has and continues to hold 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.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Māhie Albinio

SUBJECT: Agenda item IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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

My name is Kawena'ulaokalā Kapahua. I am Kanaka Maoli and spent months on Maunakea in 2019 protecting our Mauna from desecration. My kūpuna are from Honoli'i on Hawai'i Island. They cherished Maunakea as I do, and as we all should.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is a disgrace and deeply disrespectful. Declaring that the state will work with MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site" completely disregards the clear message that was sent in 2019, 'a'ole TMT.

No matter what you change, the attempt to make TMT happen on Maunakea are tone deaf and illogical. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. The people spoke once, as they continue to chant: 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 they have now changed their mind then its clear they were either being dishonest before or incompetent, both should be disqualifying. 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. There is no right way to cheat this process

Any attempt to go behind the backs of our people, to cut backroom deals and handwave your way against the entirety of Hawai'i will fail and be resisted.

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 am personally willing to fight, for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of our people. Kū Kia'i Mauna, now and forever.

Thank you for your time,

Kawena'ulaokalā Kapahua

[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item E- Testimony from Hāwane Rios Pa'a Makekai

From H w ne Rios [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:01 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e ko ka 'ohana MKSOA,

'O wau 'o Hāwane Rios Pa'a Makekai. 'O Mauna a Wākea ku'u mauna. 'O Kohākohau, Waikōloa, Alakahī, a me Kawainui ku'u mau kahawai. 'O Pu'ukapu Waimea ku'u 'āina kūlāiwi. 'O Kona 'Ākau ku'u 'āina 'ohana. 'O Hōlanikū ku'u 'āina kūpuna. Eia nō au kahi mamō o Hawai'i e kūpa'a mau ana i ka pono o ku'u 'āina aloha, aloha nō kākou a pau loa.

I am a living descendant of my living mountain and I write this as Makali'i rises in the skies above Hawai'i, marking the time of Lonoikamakahiki. I offer my mana'o from a place of devotion and deep aloha for the land I come from and for the lineages of Kanaka 'Ōiwi ancestors who passed down their love for Mauna a Wākea through the generations down to me. There is a profound respect that lives in the far reaches of my heart for those of you whom I have stood with, been raised by, and guided by who sit on this board. I acknowledge you and your commitment to our sacred mountain with unwavering gratitude.

I have been standing as a kia'i for Mauna a Wākea for 15 years. The journey has been long for me and my 'ohana and I know it has been much longer for many who have set the pathway of aloha 'āina for us to walk upon. This leka is presented to all of you with the precision of my prayers and with the mana of my commitment to protect the slopes of my mountain from further desecration. It is my fervent request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by Governor Josh Green and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

We, as protectors of Mauna Kea have said no to the proposed TMT project for 15 years. That 'no' has never ever been respected by TMT, TIO, or this violent settler colonial governing system that actively works against us daily. I, as a lineal descendant of Mauna Kea and as a lineal descendant of the Hale o Kamehameha and the 'Āwini Clan of Kohala Mauna do not give my consent for the development of TMT on the northern plateau of Mauna Kea or any other proposed alternative site on Mauna Kea. I do not know how much clearer we as Kanaka 'Ōiwi of this land need to be.

My personal message to Governor Josh Green and to Mayor Kimo Alameda is to remember that they are public servants to Hawai'i and her people. It is their responsibility to not only listen but to act in accordance with this mandate. My kūpuna know their kūpuna and they know your kūpuna and they are holding you accountable just as much as I am, just as much as my 'ohana and our children are.

TMT will not be built on Mauna Kea. Do not ask us to compromise. It is so deeply disrespectful to our humanity and to our indigeneity at this point.

We remain in alignment with our love for our mountain. Mahalo from my heart to yours for your time and consideration of what I have to share. My aloha to you all.

Kū Kia'i Mauna a mau loa aku,

na Hāwane Rios Pa'a Makekau, Kia'i Mauna a Wākea

Lā 11 o Nowemapa 2025

Kailua Kona, Hawai'i Kuauli

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT (Agenda Item E)

From Jayelyn F [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:08 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

How many times are we going to do this? Over and over and over again Kanaka have protested and fought these stupid telescopes and the reply? "Oh but what if we put it on a different part of your sacred mountain?" "I know you said no more telescopes but would you be mad if we built another? Oh you would? I don't care," with a smile.

Crazy how snakes will smile at you while their venom enter your bloodstream. Speaking of snakes, does anyone else think it's weird how interested Josh Green is in making sure Hawaiians can't have their own sacred ancestral lands? How many favors does he have to do under the table for these things? I guess he really likes to lend a hand to whatever side opposes the people who were here first.

I don't need to reiterate how sacred Mauna Kea is because everyone knows and has heard at this point. We repeat ourselves, cry, scream, yell, over and over and over and over. It feels like no one listening. But this is what you, the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, are here to do today. Listen.

So I ask you, do you think desecration is stewardship? Do you think letting people who have no connection to this land, people who have no responsibility or right or privilege or kuleana as we know it, letting them destroy and disrespect the mauna is that stewardship to you? Is silencing the voices of kanaka, the actual stewards of this land, is that how you can be a good steward? If that does not sound like stewardship to you I strongly urge you to reject any TMT proposals anywhere on Mauna a Wakea and to protect it, as is your kuleana.

'A'ole TMT.

Mahalo for your time,
Jayelyn Finn

[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Mauna Kea Testimony

From Charde Kūi'i [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:21 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

My name is Charde Ku'uiipo Garcia-Kaaiaia. I am writing to submit testimony regarding the Thirty Meter Telescope and the discussion to place it on a "disturbed" site on Mauna Kea.

I remain steadfast in my **OPPOSITION** to **any and all** development on Mauna Kea. I continue to chant along with kanaka across the pae 'aina and around the world, 'A'OLE TMT! Not here. Not now. Not ever.

We echo the same words after all these years. TMT will **NEVER** be built on Mauna Kea. And if need be, we'll see you on the mauna.

Kū Kia'i Mauna!

Aloha pumehana,
Charde

[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea TIO

From Cynthia Luafalemana [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:38 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha, my name is Cynthia Luafalemana and my connection to the Mauna Kea is my ancestry being a Kanaka Maoli and the heritage to the Aina. I ask the committee to stop these outrageous construction of building anything on our ancestral lands that are being destroyed by money hungry bureaucrats whose interests is only to profit scientifically based theories that aren't transparent to our Hawaiian culture and people. In all honesty, working with the Mauna Kea community and the laws that will protect the Aina needs to be clear and justifiable so that we are able to provide sustainable solutions without destroying the lands that belong to the Hawaiian people. Finding another area to build this superficial robotic laser is the best solution. Land and water is our Native's way of life. Without it we are nothing but a small specks of debris in history. But we are still here fighting for land that was never yours to take. You didn't ask, you just assume it was fine to take it. Well, it wasn't yours to take it in the first place. My kūpuna always said, "If you want something ask, if the answer is no, then no means no!" Stop raping our lands with destruction because when the land heals, so will our people.

Several times I took my grandchildren to visit the protection of Mauna Kea. Today, they have embraced their Hawaiian culture and understand that without the Aina, the water, the language, nor their heritage- we will be erased from our history!

I end with this, if this was built on your island or country what would you do or say!!!

Sincerely, The Luafalemana Ohana of Molokai

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX

From Mar [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:39 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 Mar Leatherman. My connection to Maunakea is:

- I am a non-Hawaiian community member who stands with the fight by Hawaiian people for the protection of their lands
- I have an experience in working within the geological sciences, pollution research, and the environmental impacts of military occupation

On October 24th, a letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation addressed to the TMT International Observatory was sent to the Board of Directors Chairs Drs Henry T. Yang and Saku Tsuneta, not the people they are elected to represent, stating 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". It is not the place of the governor, senators or representatives of the government actively occupying these lands to determine any procedure for stewardship of the Mauna.

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions on Maunakea or otherwise have. The summit remains a conservation district, and it provides 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. The building on any site, disturbed or not, will have lasting damage on the ecosystem and to the health of the people who live there. Building an unnecessary telescope on such a sacred and fragile location is in direct contradiction with community demands.

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. This is restarting a lengthy and laborious process that has only wasted everyone's time. The threat of condemnation will not work on us.

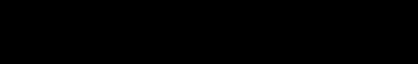
The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors, bump fists, and attempt to roll over the will and peace of the community. To ignore the consistent push against the building of the TMT observatory is in line with the wishes of elites whose whims are imposed via the US occupation, not the Hawaiian people with a direct investment in protecting Maunakea.

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.

Thank you for your time,

Mar Leatherman, any/all


Learn about where you live and what came before you.

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

From Ilana Maxwell [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:44 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E)

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

My name is Ilana Maxwell and I am a resident of Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i and a supporter standing in solidarity from Kaloko. 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 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,
Ilana Maxwell

Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

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

From Em Ben [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:47 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Emily Benedict, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Chicago. 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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'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Emily Benedict

[EXTERNAL] **Testimony for November 13, 2025 - AGENDA ITEM IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

From Jessi Waiau [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:51 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

AGENDA ITEM
IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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

‘O wau o Jessica Waia‘u. No Punalu‘u, O‘ahu mai au. Noho au ma Waiākea, Hawai‘i me ku‘u ‘ohana. He Hawai‘i mau a mau. My name is Jessica Waia‘u and I am from Punalu‘u, O‘ahu. I reside in Waiākea, Hawai‘i where my ‘ohana has lived in the same house for six generations under the malu of Maunakea.

I have been active in my protection of Maunakea since 2015 and continue to stand for the mauna and against any further desecration and development. This stand is one that our lāhui has made clear, time and time again. The refrain of thousands across the pae ‘āina continues to be Kū Kia‘i Mauna.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai‘i Congressional delegation is highly disappointing and deeply disturbing. 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. If indeed the TMT is going to be redesigned to make it small enough to move to a decommissioned site, then all the required permits need to be redone (conservation district, sublease, EIS, management plan, etc.) and all of the public processes associated with them. But the reality is that the TMT will not be built on Maunakea, on any site, previously disturbed or not.

The tactic from the Governor and Congressional delegation seems like a power move based in fear. It is in disturbing alignment with so much that we are seeing lately where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors, bump fists, and attempt to roll over the will and peace of the community. This must not be allowed to happen and we must insist that the voice of the people be heard.

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 re-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.

A hiki i ke aloha 'āina hope loa,

Jessica Waia'u

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

From C ss nd nd J son Renes [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:05 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

O Kilohōkū ko'u inoa, and I am a Native Hawaiian based in Aotearoa. 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:

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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 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,
Kilohōkū Low
Te Tai Tokerau, Aotearoa

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

From Jenna McNicol [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:11 PM

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

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

My name is Jenna McNicol, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Nanaimo, Canada. 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 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,
Jenna McNicol
Nanaimo, BC, Canada

[EXTERNAL] **Testimony in OPPOSITION to the Thirty Meter Telescope and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E)**

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

Aloha ‘Āina,
Submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope to a so-called "disturbed site" on our sacred mauna, Mauna Kea.

For generations, Mauna Kea 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 Mauna Kea and Kānaka Maoli stewardship.

The existing telescopes on the summit of Mauna Kea 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 Kānaka Maoli. These projects have already caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

I strongly encourage the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to:

1. **Reject** any proposal to construct or relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope **anywhere** on Mauna Kea.
2. Prioritize the **protection *and* restoration** of the summit of Mauna Kea and ecosystems.
3. **Uphold the principle of Kānaka Maoli stewardship *and*** guarantee meaningful community involvement in all decision-making processes.

Mauna Kea deserves to be treated with respect, rather than ongoing exploitation.
Stand with the people of Hawai‘i by helping to protect Mauna Kea for future generations.

‘Āina Aloha,
Leimomi Wheeler
Kea‘au, HI 96749

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

From S Eliz beth [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:25 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 Sara Royes and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Ontario, Canada. 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 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,
Sara Royes
Mississauga, Ontario
Canada

[EXTERNAL] Nov 13 Meeting - Testimony - Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority

From Emilia Kandagawa [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:26 PM

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

I am writing as a kiai to provide testimony to the MKSOA in opposition to the letter and proposed actions issued by Josh Green's office in collusion with TIO. I urge MKSOA to reject this massive overreach by these parties, and to instead uphold principles of accountability and transparency to ensure no further harm comes to Mauna Kea. The Thirty Meter Telescope has absolutely no lawful nor ethical place anywhere on Mauna Kea. It is an environmentally disastrous and morally bankrupt project, and the people of Hawaii -- and, indeed, the people of the world -- have spoken that it can never be allowed to prevail over the will of the Hawaiian people.

Emily Kandagawa

[REDACTED]
Waianae, HI

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

From Imai Winchester [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:33 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To: mka.testimony@hawaii.gov

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E)

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

My name is Imaikalani Winchester, born and raised in the occupied Hawaiian Kingdom. I am Kanaka Maoli — an educator, an activist, and a father — who stood shoulder to shoulder with thousands of kiai, protectors from around the world, to defend Mauna Kea in 2019. In honor of the courageous kupuna who were arrested that day, and in defense of those yet to come, I am compelled to submit this testimony in strong opposition to the State and Governor Green's attempt to make room for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) atop Mauna Kea by moving it to a so-called "disturbed site."

Mauna Kea is sacred, all of her. From the mists at her base to the snows at her summit, she is the body of our ancestors, the temple of our people, and the piko of our universe. She is not a construction site. She is a living ancestor who deserves reverence, not excavation and industrialization in the name of science.

Act 255 created this Commission, allowing astronomy development to continue on Mauna Kea as state policy. Yet the State of Hawai'i is wrong if it believes that building on the footprint of a decommissioned structure makes the TMT project acceptable now. It does not. Desecration is desecration, no matter how small or large the footprint, no matter how it is packaged or justified under policy. This is not a question of engineering or location — it is a question of settler colonization, dignity, and humanity, and whether Hawai'i will continue to ignore the sacred when it stands in the way of profit and prestige.

You have a choice before you today: to protect Mauna Kea or to betray her by reopening the door to desecration. There is no middle ground. I urge you to reject any proposal to build the TMT on Mauna Kea, to protect her cultural and ecological well-being, and to center Kanaka Maoli voices in every decision made about her future.

The answer is simple, the message is clear, and the people are united:
No TMT on Mauna Kea. No more desecration. Protect our sacred mountain.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue. I trust that you will hear the voice of the people and act to protect our right to be Hawaiian in Hawai'i.

Me ke aloha 'āina 'ōia'i'ō,
Imaikalani Winchester

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

From Charles Taylor-Fulton [REDACTED]
Date Tue 11/11/2025 11:57 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Charles Ka Ua Taylor-Fulton, and I am a resident of the ahupua'a of Wai'anae on the Moku of O'ahu. I a native Hawaiian 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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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.
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'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Charles Ka Ua Taylor-Fulton

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

From Juliet Monnie [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:14 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Juliet Monnier, Kaua'i High School is my alma matter, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Jacksonville Beach, FL. 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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Mauna Kea is sacred. A mountain loved by many around the world. It deserves respect, not continued exploitation. Please, stand with me and the people of Hawai'i, to protect this mountain for future generations. Leadership in Hawai'i requires us to recognize our kuleana to the land and it's people, and to step into that responsibility with integrity, respect, and heart.

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Juliet Iris Monnier - lifelong student and activist

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

From Kimbe lee Stone [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:41 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is [Your Full Name], and I am [a resident of (city/state) / a Native Hawaiian / a supporter standing in solidarity from (location)]. 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,
Kimberlee Stone

Kansas City, MO (UH Mānoa Alumni '21)



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

From Celi LG [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:44 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Celia LoBuono Gonzalez, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from San Francisco, California. 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,

Celia LoBuono González
Yelamu, Ramaytush Ohlone Territory, San Francisco, CA

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

From Michelle Kent [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:33 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Michelle Kent and I am a resident of Frankfort, Ky, a supporter standing in solidarity from Kentucky. 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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'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Michelle Kent

Frankfort, Kentucky

Michelle

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

From 캄벨켈런 [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:41 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Karyn Campbell and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Florida (another state that has been envied for its warm climate and beaches, and in turn ravaged for the sake of tourism). 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,
Karyn
Lehigh Acres, Florida

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

From Kel White [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:42 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Kela Whitehurst, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Florida, who was born and went to high school in Kapolei, 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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From Filippo T inche [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:43 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Filippo Trinchera, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Italy. 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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Filippo Trinchera

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

From Christina Maria Va'a Lopez <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 11/12/2025 4:40 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Christina Maria Va'a Lopez, and I am a resident of Sparks, NV, USA, I am the eldest granddaughter and daughter of two indigenous bloodlines and cultures. My lineages are Western Samoa, American Samoa, and native lands of Turtle Island (North America). I am a supporter of protecting Mama Gaia and I am standing in solidarity from the Sparks, NV, USA. 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 and have a blessed day,
CHRISTINA MARIA VA'A LOPEZ
SPARKS, NV, USA (Turtle Island)



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[EXTERNAL] MKSOA Agenda Item E

From justin branco [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:04 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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Aloha mai kākou. My name is Justin Kainoa Branco (Fergstrom).

As a resident of Hilo One all my life, 33 years keiki o ka 'āina of this beautiful moku I can't convey enough in a letter the intimate, spiritual, and physical relation me and my family have to Mauna a Wakea. Mauna Kea. I would have to fall under steward, kia'i, kamali'i, mahi'ai and all the logos alike that shows devotion to this mauna as I have been a farmer, national park trails worker and conservationist as a collective for over 15 years. Moloka'i Kalaupapa and on Moku o Keawe Big Island. Our sacred mountain. Whose waters that have nurtured me and hundreds of millions of others on this island. A place whose sacredness, water resource, and presence has been made know to the world. A mountain that is the last place of Akua's creation which now again hangs on the precipice of trading land for technology.

In regards to the TMT project, I refuse and 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 ALL the integrity of Mauna Kea.

Below is an image of my eldest daughter of 8 years old, Aowena Branco. Her own testimony written in 'ōlelo. Still learning but still able to make her thoughts clear. She is a student attending Ka Umeke Kaeo Keaukaha. It pains me to know that my child who is learning to be a kumu, a proper steward of 'āina, moana, mauna, iwi, wai, and all ike our kūpuna have laid down still continues to be challenged by political leaders who continue to disregard the voice of the lāhui. Wai ola. Water is life. The voices have been made clear. From oldest to youngest. From foreigner and kamaaina. From high to low. The people who truly stand for the preservation and stewardship of our mountain for all has been loud and clear. No TMT will be built on Mauna Kea or on any sacred ground that carries and cradles the water we ALL need to survive on this island. This was the first time ever in my life that I heard and saw water trucks topping of water tanks along Hakalau which have always naturally filled from aquifers. Well waters dropping lower. We are at a time where with the droughts and the amount of people contributing to our water waste are drastically affecting our wai. Instead of looking to the stars, we need to do better on our honua as a collective. How can we look and search out in the stars when the leaders of the masses barely know how to take care of our Earth. Kū'ē! KŪ KIA'I MAUNA. Mau a mau. Mahalo for your time.

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea (Agenda Item E) for MSKOA Meeting scheduled for November 13, 2025

From Kat Recovery [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:07 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

November 12, 2025

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

My name is Katherine Bitz, I am a supporter standing in solidarity today from Seattle, WA with protecting the sacred land of Hawai'i and on Mauna Kea. 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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Seattle, WA
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