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**[EXTERNAL] Testimony**

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From Ola Jenkins [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:23 AM  
To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

## Testimony for MKSOA Meeting November 13, 2025

To: [mka.testimony@hawaii.gov](mailto: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 V. "Ola" Jenkins, I reside in Waiākea Uka and I am a Native Hawaiian wahine who stands in support and in solidarity from Moku o Keawe. 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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I urge the MKSOA to:

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

V. "Ola" Jenkins

Hilo, Hawai'i



*Ola Jenkins, M.Ed.*



*Ua ola loko i ke aloha.*

*Love gives life within. ~Mary Kawena Puku'i*

*Love is imperative to one's mental and physical being.*

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[EXTERNAL] No TMT

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From e od [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:24 AM  
To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

Welina Mai ka 'āina o ka ia Kīpu'pu'u,

This letter is in response to letter dated on October 24,2025, from Governor Green and other State officials regarding STILL looking for sites to build TMT. Apparently the message somehow has not been loud or clear enough, kanaka maoli and allies have responded time and time we do NOT want the building of the TMT on Mauna Kea. This is a sacred cultural site and portal, to build such a monstrosity would be major desecration, not only where it would sit, but to the water and people who live below it. Although the state is considering a "disturbed" site, this still doesnt make it right. The "disturbed" site should be cleaned up and returned better than it was taken as and allowed to heal, not desecrated further. Kanaka Maoli are not anti-science, our kupuna were and we are scientists. However TMT will not benefit us and will never be worth the about of desecration that will happen. 'A'ole TMT! Steward the land appropriately as you have been assigned to so.

Me ke 'oia'i'o,  
Erin Maluhia O'Donnell

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From Lisa Soares [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:25 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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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 Lisa M Soares, and I am a resident of Hilo Hawaii a supporter standing in solidarity from Hilo. 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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Lisa M Soares



Hilo Hawaii



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From Ruben Hanohano [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:26 AM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Ruben Aloano Hanohano III, and I am a Native Hawaiian. I submit 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 merely a mountain — it is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i. For generations, it has held immense **cultural, spiritual, and ecological** importance for our people. Any continued industrial expansion on its slopes, even under the guise of "relocation," perpetuates a long and painful history of **disrespect toward Kānaka Maoli stewardship** and the **‘āina** itself.

The existing thirteen telescopes on the summit stand as reminders of **decades of mismanagement** by the **University of Hawai'i** and the **Department of Land and Natural Resources**. These facilities were constructed with **minimal consultation** with Native Hawaiians, **little accountability**, and **insufficient environmental care**. They have caused measurable **ecological harm** and **cultural desecration**, while **failing** to fulfill longstanding promises of proper **decommissioning** and **restoration**.

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Ruben Aloano Hanohano III

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[EXTERNAL] Meeting Agenda, November 13, 2025, Agenda Item E. Testimony in opposition to TMT and Any "relocation " on Mauna Kea

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From Ekini Lindsey [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:46 AM  
To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

Waiemi  
Hanapoe  
Pu'u Hōku'ula  
Pu'u Holoholoku  
Pu'u Ke'eke'e

I respectfully invoke the names surrounding the pu'u and ahupua'a of Mauna Kea. Equally, I call forth the names of my Kūpuna kāne-  
Thomas John Weston Lindsey  
William Miller Seymour Lindsey  
George Miller Seymour Lindsey  
George Mahalopiha Lindsey,  
my paniolo forefathers who traversed these lands while employed by John Palmer Parker from 1847 to the 1960s. In addition, in 1881, near the summit of Mauna Kea, Queen Emma and her entourage, accompanied by William Miller Seymour Lindsey, due to his knowledge of the mountain, witnessed the ceremonial cleansing by the Queen in Lake Waiau, where this pristine water feeds the aquifer table, at Pōhakuloa.

These are the stories shared by my grandfather, mo'olelo passed from one generation to another, their personal kinship, and deep respect for the mountain.

Throughout the years, astronomical development on top of Mauna Kea has caused historic harm that has imposed on the Hawaiian people, and the sacredness of this land. This is a recurring concern that has fallen on deaf ears, therefore, the growing public is in opposition!!! Stand with us against the excessive overreach by Governor Green and adopt a process that exemplifies transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws to uphold the cherished integrity, history, and cultural appropriation of our beloved Mauna ā Wākea.

I, Ekini Lindsey, a Kānaka, born and raised in Waimea, on Hawaii Island, strongly object to any proposal to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope to a so-called 'disturbed site' on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo nui loa! I am grateful for your diligent work and commitment to resolving this delicate situation.

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From Lyah Buchanan [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:48 AM

To Ma n a Au h r i y Te i mo y <mka.e i mo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Lyah Buchanan, and I am resident of Columbus Georgia / a Native Hawaiian / a supporter standing in solidarity from Georgia ]. 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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Lyah Buchanan  
Columbus Georgia

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From Magda [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 5:50 AM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Magdalena Czarny, and I am a practitioner of Hawaiian art of bodywork, Lomilomi, and therefore a great supporter standing in solidarity from Poland. 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,  
Magdalena Czarny  
Gdynia, Poland

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Magda Czarny  
[REDACTED]  
[Sister Soul](#)



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

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From Napua Kaneshiro [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 6:23 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Candace Nāpuaalohapoinaole Kaneshiro, and I am a resident of Aiea Hawaii a Native Hawaiian and a supporter standing in solidarity from my home in Waimalu, Aiea. 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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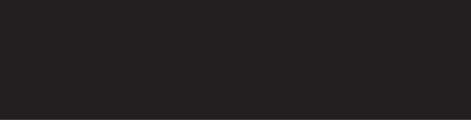
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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Candace Nāpua Kaneshiro



Sent from my iPhone



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**[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: Governor's Oct. 24, 2025 Letter to TMT Officials**

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From Leilani Lindsey Kaapuni [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 6:24 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

To the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority:

Aloha Board Members,

My name is Leilani Lindsey Ka'apuni. I reside at Pi'ihonua, Hilo, Hawai'i. I am a wife and mother of seven, and grandmother of 15. I work for the Univeristy of Hawai'i at Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. I am a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and the former president of Hui Aloha 'Āina and Nā Wāhine 'o Kamehameha of the Royal Order of Kamehameha. I am a cultural practitioner and a protector of ka wai kapu a Kāne me Kanaloa from the summit of Maunakea, and a kia'i o Pōhakuloa, currently in the NAGPRA process with the US Army over iwi kūpuna disturbed and uncovered at the Pōhakuloa Training Area.

I am submitting written testimony to you via email in response to Josh Green's October 24, 2025 letter to TMT officials, Henry Yang and Saku Tsuneta. That letter, also signed by all four members of Hawai'i's US congressional delegation, is extremely offensive and insulting to the thousands of Hawaiians who have stood in protection of Maunakea for decades. I was among those arrested on Maunakea in 2015 and 2019 for stopping TMT construction vehicles from ascending the Mauna on the Maunakea Access Road, which road belongs to Hawaiians. And I am prepared, along with thousands of Hawaiians, to block that road again, if necessary.

In 2019, Josh Green visited the kupuna tent on the Ala Kupuna to speak with many of us who were there. He acted as if he was concerned about our well-being. We now know that his visit was nothing more than a political stunt and a photo op. Similarly, the current TMT project manager, Fengchuan Liu, has visited with many Hawai'i Island community members to "listen to their concerns" and act as if he cared about Hawaiians' perspectives. He is a liar and a snake, and 1,500 community members look forward to seeing him again to tell him that directly.

I ask the board members of the MKSOA to relay to the governor that the Hawaiian people are lineal descendants of Wākea and Papa, of Hāloa and Ho'ohokukalani, of Kūkahau'ula and Lilinoe, and other ancestors who once dwelt on Maunakea and whose bones are buried there. We trace our lineage back to Wākea, Sky Father, over 60 generations ago. The piko of our family members have been placed in Lake Waiau for generations, connecting us forever to the piko of Maunakea and placing upon us the kuleana to protect the sacred waters of Kāne and the summit of the Mauna. Remind the governor that the summit of Maunakea is a conservation district, the State's highest protected land status. If he and Hawai'i's US congressional delegation will not protect that conservation district, Hawaiians will.

Nevertheless, we must thank Josh Green, Brian Schatz, Mazie Hirono, Ed Case and Jill Tokuda for showing us their position and their intent and for inspiring 200,000 Hawaiians to register to vote in the next elections. The time for true change and a return to pono is now.



Me ka 'oia'i'o,  
Leilani Lindsey Ka'apuni  
Hilo, Hawai'i

cc: Governor Josh Green  
Senator Brian Schatz  
Senator Mazie Hirono  
Representative Ed Case  
Representative Jill Tokuda

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

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From Danielle Bodnar [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 6:28 AM

To Mauna Kea Ahui Teimo y <mka.emo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Danielle Bodnar, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Louisville, KY. I first heard about this situation in 2019 and immediately felt deeply that standing with Native Hawaiians was necessary. With love for Native Hawaiians in my heart as part of the Puerto Rican Diaspora, I have witnessed them fight against the desecration of their sacred mountain since that time. I have followed every move of disrespect accumulated against them by the government and other government aligned entities and individuals. I have shared their fight with others, and have signed petitions in support of their opposition to the destruction of their most sacred space. The purpose of sharing all that is to say that people everywhere stand in solidarity with the Hawaiian people. We care. We are paying attention. 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,

Danielle Bodnar

Louisville, KY

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda item E, 11/13/25 MKSOA Board Meeting

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From David K Shizuma [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 6:34 AM

To Mauna Kea Astronomy Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha MKSOA Board Members,

I am testifying in opposition to the use of a decommissioned site for the Thirty Meter Telescope project.

While a decommissioned site is in fact already disturbed and building upon it does seem to make sense initially, the monstrosity that is the Thirty Meter Telescope would not fit solely on the disturbed site, additional disruption would need to take place at an alarming scale, making the fact that it is previously disturbed a moot point.

As thousands of protectors of Mauna Kea have already shown, back in 2015, again in 2019, and maintaining vigilance ever since via online platforms, there is a strong commitment to protect further desecration of this sacred site (the entire Mauna Kea) from a project this large. This commitment of protectors, both Native Hawaiian and non-Native alike, has not lessened or died off, it still remains strong, and you will see the swarms of people physically standing again for one of the most sacred sites in all of Hawaii, if the Thirty Meter Telescope tries to build on that mountain again.

As was expressed in 2019, our concerns is that the land is sacred, the land is also above a large aquifer, and Native Hawaiians, the indigenous people to this land, do NOT consent to this project. Survey after survey has shown that the vast majority surveyed is against this project, this is not merely a minority speaking against it with a loud voice.

Establishing a process to permit the use of a decommissioned site for projects that won't cause additional disruption to the land is understandable, but anything that causes additional disruption will, especially one of the scale of the Thirty Meter Telescope, be unacceptable, and the protectors will show up again.

To support building the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea is to disregard the opinions (lack of approval) and beliefs (ie its sacredness) of the indigenous people of these lands, and risk contamination of some of the most pristine conservation lands in all of Hawaii, all in the name of science and money. I am sorely disappointed in these elected officials for sending such a letter, as they do not represent the sentiment of thousands of their constituents.

Hawaii does not to be a leader in the astronomy or space exploration space. We have the most diverse ecosystems and are one of the most isolated group of islands in the world. Let's not look to space and other planets for scientific research, let's look down at our lands and oceans, and research what can help the planet today. Let's be a leader in research that improves the health of our own planet and the people on her.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Keoni Shizuma

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**[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT**

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From Tristan DeJetley [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 6:46 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

Aloha,

My name is Tristan "Nakao" de Jetley, and I am a Native Hawaiian and current resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland. Though I live away from Hawai'i, I remain deeply connected to our people, our culture, and our 'āina.

As a Native Hawaiian displaced by the ongoing diaspora, I strongly oppose the construction or continuation of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project on Mauna Kea. This mountain is sacred to Native Hawaiians—a spiritual, cultural, and environmental center that deserves protection, not further disturbance.

Time and time again, developers and government agencies have claimed that new projects will remain limited to preexisting sites and that they will act responsibly. Yet, history shows that these assurances are rarely upheld. The TMT represents yet another encroachment on lands that have already been desecrated through decades of disregard for Native voices and cultural integrity.

Our people have endured forced displacement, economic hardship, and the erosion of our cultural rights in the name of "progress." For many of us who have been driven away from our homeland by the high cost of living, we no longer have the privilege of voting for local representation in Hawai'i. But we still carry the responsibility to speak for the land that raised our ancestors.

I urge decision-makers, developers, and all involved parties to respect Mauna Kea and to honor the will of the Native Hawaiian community. Development that disregards the sacredness of our lands cannot be called advancement—it is exploitation.

Please reject any further development of TMT on Mauna Kea and uphold the protection of our sacred mountain for future generations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Tristan "Nakao" de Jetley

St. Mary's County, Maryland

[EXTERNAL] no TMT

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From Elizabeth Lovejoy-Yundt [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 6:57 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka. e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

Aloha,

I am Elizabeth Lovejoy-Yundt, a former teacher at Keonepoko Elementary School and co-founder of Pele's Kitchen in Pahoia, HI.

Much as we treasure the study of science, and honor nature and the stars, we also treasure our sacred 'aina and do not want to waste time nor money on this new telescope.

Science has moved on, as it does, and newer technologies make the stationary presence of TMT a redundant and unnecessary eyesore that will cost us, betray our native ancestral lands and practices, and deliver less information than a similar telescope launched to an orbit in space where weather and environment won't interfere.

Please stop this latest version of colonial domineering.

Please vote NO on the building of TMT in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Lovejoy-Yundt

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

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From Kristen Young [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 7:14 AM  
To Ma n a Au h r i y Te i m o y <mka.e i m o y@hawaii.\_ v>  
Cc Kri e You g [REDACTED]

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

My name is Kristen Young and I am lifelong resident of O'ahu. I am not Native Hawaiian, but I have been fortunate to call Hawai'i my home and I know the importance of loving and respecting Hawai'i and its people. I've learned that the best thing we can do for 'āina (and by extension, ourselves) is for its native inhabitants, those who know it best and have a connection to it, to keep their connection to it and have a say in its stewardship. Kānaka Maoli are the only ones who can determine what is and isn't desecration on these islands. Continuing with TMT, especially after all the pushback on its construction and the effort that has gone into protecting Mauna Kea from further desecration, is an act of violence against Kānaka Maoli. 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,

Kristen Young

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

[EXTERNAL] Protect Mauna Kea

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From Tambry Young [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 7:17 AM  
To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

November 12, 2025

Aloha MKSOA Board Members,

Let me begin with saying I oppose any telescope being built on Mauna Kea. I am a native Hawaiian and stood with hundreds of thousands, in a peaceful protest, to stop the building of the 30 meter telescope back in 2020.

I am requesting that the MKSOA board resist an excessive overreach by the government to 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 fierce resistance shown by the Hawaiian people, as well as other peoples from around the world was an indication that we do not want any continuation of the TMT telescope to be built on Mauna Kea. Until this issue of building that telescope on Mauna Kea is put to rest, I and many others will continue to be vigilant in our quest to keep Mauna Kea safe from further desecration.

Board Members the time is now to stand bold and put this issue to rest so we all can move on to other more pressing matters impacting the people of Hawaii.

NO MORE TMT!!!

Mahalo for your consideration,

**Tambry R. Young**

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

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From Amber De Angelis <amber@starrcouncillegacy.org>

Date Wed 11/12/2025 7:18 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Amber De Angelis, and I am [a resident of Pukalani, Hawaii a supporter standing in solidarity from Maui. 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,

Amber De Angelis

Maui Hawaii  


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

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From Peyton Delosh [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 7:20 AM

To Ma n a Au h r i y Te i mo y <mka.e i mo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Peyton Delosh, and I am a resident of Kansas and a supporter standing in solidarity from Pittsburgh. 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. 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,  
Peyton  
Pittsburgh, KS

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

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From Chauncey HH [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 7:27 AM  
To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mahalo,  
Chauncey Hirose-Hulbert

[EXTERNAL] No TMT

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From 'Ohana Kaimana Kahuanui [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 7:52 AM  
To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

Welina Mai ka 'āina o ka ia Kīpu'pu'u,

This letter is in response to letter dated on October 24,2025, from Governor Green and other State officials regarding STILL looking for sites to build TMT. Apparently the message somehow has not been loud or clear enough, kanaka maoli and allies have responded time and time we do NOT want the building of the TMT on Mauna Kea. This is a sacred cultural site and portal, to build such a monstrosity would be major desecration, not only where it would sit, but to the water and people who live below it. Although the state is considering a "disturbed" site, this still doesnt make it right. The "disturbed" site should be cleaned up and returned better than it was taken as and allowed to heal, not desecrated further. Kanaka Maoli are not anti-science, our kupuna were and we are scientists. However TMT will not benefit us and will never be worth the about of desecration that will happen. 'A'ole TMT! Steward the land appropriately as you have been assigned to so.

Me ke 'oia'i'o,  
Kaimana J. Kahuanui

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

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From Christina Kaleiwahea [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:07 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Christina Kaleiwahea, and I am a member of Hui Aloha 'Āina o Honolulu. As a kanaka maoli, Maunakea is my ancestor.

I am deeply concerned by the October 24th letter from Governor Green and Hawaii's congressional delegation to the Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory. Rather than addressing the people of Hawai'i, the letter signals political support for clearing a path for TMT's construction on Maunakea.

Changing the proposed site does not change the underlying issues. Maunakea remains a sacred summit, a conservation district, and the source of our island's waters. The call of Kū Kia'i Mauna continues.

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 kind of closed-door coordination between government and corporate interests reflects a larger pattern across occupied lands, where community voice is sidelined in favor of expedience. I urge the Authority to stand firm and ensure that decisions about Maunakea remain guided by transparency, pono process, and aloha 'āina.

These are not only sacred lands—they are Hawaiian national lands, never ceded by our people. I will continue to stand for Maunakea, for our water, and for the dignity of our lāhui.

Mahalo for your time,

Christina Kaleiwahea

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

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From Kim Burgoon [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:14 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Kim Burgoon-Luchs , and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Texas. 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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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,

Kim Burgoon-Luchs

League City, TX



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

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From Tama Tamari [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:20 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Kylie Tamaribuchi, and I am a Native Hawaiian who is 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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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,  
Kylie Tamaribuchi

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item 9

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From Lihikai Maluo-Yamada [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:25 AM

To Mauna a Au h r i y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Lihikai Maluō-Yamada. My connection to Maunakea comes from Waiākea where my family and I uphold close pilina and kuleana to the Mauna. I am a Kanaka 'Ōiwi daughter of Hilo and Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor. I am here to honor our Mauna and all those who have stood to protect our Mauna from desecration over the years. I stand with the thousands of lāhui members who have stood in opposition to TMT, from keiki to kūpuna, and I stand with the thousands who are readying themselves to continue to stand in opposition to TMT, at whatever cost, in order to protect our Mauna.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is not only disappointing, it is a betrayal of the people they were elected to serve. Rather than addressing the people they were elected to serve, the letter was directed to the TMT International Observatory. This act clearly signals where their loyalties lie. In it, they state their intention to work with the MKSOA and the University of Hawai'i to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site."

This is not transparency—it's a backroom assurance to powerful interests, made without consultation or consent from the people of Hawai'i. Actions such as these perpetuate the long history of government decisions made *about* Hawaiians, not *with* Hawaiians. The lāhui deserves better than political gestures that protect institutions and corporations while ignoring the voices and sovereignty of the people

While the proposed construction site may have changed, nothing else has. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. That truth has not changed and neither has the voice of the people. Across the pae 'āina, the call remains strong and unwavering: Kū Kia'i Mauna.

During previous contested case hearings, UH and TMT themselves admitted that the telescope could not be placed on decommissioned sites because it was too large for the summit. If TMT is now being redesigned to make it "small enough" to move, then every single permit and approval must start over—from the conservation district use permit to the sublease, the EIS, and the management plan. **Every process, every hearing, every opportunity for public input must be reopened.**

Anything less would be a deliberate attempt to sidestep the law and silence the people whose lands and waters are at stake. The lāhui will not accept shortcuts or backroom deals.

The letter reflects a disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors, bump fists, while ignoring the will, peace, and sovereignty of the people.

We call on the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to **stand firm and reject this blatant overreach** by the Governor and Hawai'i's congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea. This is not stewardship. This is not accountability. This is yet another example of the state prioritizing outside interests over the rights of the future of Kānaka 'Ōiwi and all who love this 'āina.

Let us be clear: **the summit of Maunakea is not merely sacred—it is Hawaiian national land.** These lands were never ceded, never sold, and never surrendered by the Hawaiian Kingdom or her people.

And we say now with one voice: **if the state insists on desecration, we will stand again. We will stand for as long as it takes to protect our mountain, our waters, and the dignity of our people. Kū Kia'i Mauna. Always.**

Mahalo for your time,

Lihiwai Maluō-Yamada

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

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From Ginger Lua [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:30 AM

To Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority <mka.ey@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Ginger Kwan, and I am Kanaka Maoli. 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.

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. As part of their mismanagement of the mauna, the state and the university have routinely failed to prudently negotiate sublease terms for observatories and to properly manage observatory development and decommissioning. In attempting to assess and address ongoing issues, multiple state audits spanning two decades have repeatedly raised concerns over delays and inadequacies in the implementation of key mitigation actions, rules, and enforcement. Now in 2025, TMT faces more hurdles than ever including growing project costs, the likely loss of federal funding via the U.S. National Science Foundation and the fast-approaching expiration of UH's master lease for Mauna Kea in 2033.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i and home to countless historic and cultural sites and areas of ecological significance. Kānaka Maoli continue to oppose this project as it is not possible for TMT to be redesigned to meet the demands of conservation law, cultural protection, or the principles of aloha 'āina. Allowing further industrial expansion, even under the guise of "relocation," continues a long legacy of disrespect toward Kānaka Maoli stewardship and the 'āina itself.

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.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Ginger Kwan

Kanaka Maoli currently residing in California

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

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From Mahina [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:33 AM  
To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Mahina Martinson. As a kanaka 'ōiwi and lineal descended of Ka'u on Moku o Keawe, 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.

I grew up watching the sun rise over Mauna Kea from the lanai of my tūtū's house in Waimea. For me, and for many kānaka maoli, Mauna a Wākea is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i, our piko, that connects us to past, present, and future generations. It holds immense cultural, spiritual and ecological importance to our people.

These discussions of further expansion under the guise of "relocation" is insulting. It's insulting to generations of kānaka 'ōiwi who have protected Mauna Kea and voiced how sacred the Mauna is time and time again. And insulting considering the decades of mobilizing, not only from Hawaiians, but from other Pasifica people, other Indigenous people and from allies from the continental U.S. to Aotearoa to Palestine.

This is a global movement, and people around the world are watching, standing in solidarity and saying '*a'ole to the TMT*.'

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I urge the MKSOA to:

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- **Uphold** the principle of kānaka maoli stewardship and ensure **full** community participation in all decision-making processes.

Mauna a Wākea 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 anywhere on Mauna Kea, forever and always.

Mahalo,

— Mahina Martinson

New York, NY / Waimea, Hawai'i



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

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From A Shklov [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:35 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Aliyah Shklov, and I am former resident of Honolulu Hawai'i and a supporter standing in solidarity from Albany 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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**'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere** on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Aliyah Shklov of Albany California



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

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From Elsie Samson [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 8:59 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Elsie Samson and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Ithaca, NY. I lived in Hawai'i for two years and still have friends on the Hawaiian islands. 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,

Elsie Samson  
Ithaca, NY, USA

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

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From Caroline Wissmann [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:09 AM

To Mauna a Au h r i y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Caroline Ku'uipo Wissmann, and I am a resident of O'ahu/ a Native Hawaiian born and raised in Kokoiki, North Kohala / a supporter standing in solidarity from Ahupua'a O Manana. 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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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,

Caroline Wissmann

Ahupua'a O Manana, O'ahu  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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

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From Shantee Brown [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:09 AM

To Mauna a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Shantee Brown, and I am a resident of Kailua-Kona. 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,

Shantee Brown

Kailua-Kona

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[EXTERNAL] Re: Protect Mauna Kea

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From Karen Kahn [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:13 AM  
To Tambry Young <tambry.young@gmail.com>  
Cc Mauna Kea Author Teimo Young <mka.teimo.young@hawaii.gov>

Nice!  
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On Nov 12, 2025, at 12:17 PM, Tambry Young [REDACTED] wrote:

November 12, 2025

Aloha MKSOA Board Members,

Let me begin with saying I oppose any telescope being built on Mauna Kea. I am a native Hawaiian and stood with hundreds of thousands, in a peaceful protest, to stop the building of the 30 meter telescope back in 2020.

I am requesting that the MKSOA board resist an excessive overreach by the government to 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 fierce resistance shown by the Hawaiian people, as well as other peoples from around the world was an indication that we do not want any continuation of the TMT telescope to be built on Mauna Kea. Until this issue of building that telescope on Mauna Kea is put to rest, I and many others will continue to be vigilant in our quest to keep Mauna Kea safe from further desecration.

Board Members the time is now to stand bold and put this issue to rest so we all can move on to other more pressing matters impacting the people of Hawaii.

NO MORE TMT!!!

Mahalo for your consideration,

**Tambry R. Young**

Tambry R. Young





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

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From Aloha [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:14 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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 Rouel Velasco and I am a resident of Kapolei, O'ahu and supporter standing in solidarity with Kānaka 'Ōiwi. 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 Kānaka Maoli, the indigenous people of Hawai'i and all others who call Hawai'i home and protect this mountain for future generations. The opportunity is now to act with aloha and for the sustainability of Nohona Hawaii (Hawaiian way of living) for all generations to come. **'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere** on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Rouel Velasco  
Kapolei, O'ahu

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

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From Sarah Nelson [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:16 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

The Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project is a multi billion dollar astronomical observatory. The project was scheduled to be built on Mauna Kea, which is among the most sacred sites in Hawaiian cosmology.

To some Native Hawaiians, the state's tallest mountain, Mauna Kea, represents the realm of the Earth's creator and the birthplace of the Hawaiian people. However, pro-business groups interested in boosting Hawaii's tech industry want the summit to house what would be the largest telescope in the Northern Hemisphere.

This project has faced stiff opposition from Native Hawaiians and allies due to its planned construction site, a decision that raises issues of Native Hawaiian sovereignty and who gets to decide what happens on ancestral indigenous lands. These lands have already been used in ways that grossly violate indigenous stewardship practices. This is not an excuse to continue, but rather a warning to stop all further exploitation.

Today, I implore you to consider the irreversible ecologically, geologically, and culturally devastating impact further desecration of this sacred site will have for all generations to come. Stop all further construction efforts.

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.

Protect the sacred. Find another location. It can and must be done.

Regards,  
Jessica Nelson  
Jacksonville, FL 32225

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

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From Elizabeth Spliethof [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:19 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Elizabeth Lehualani Spliethof, and I am a Native Hawaiian and a supporter standing in solidarity from where I currently reside in Portland, Oregon . 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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I urge the MKSOA to:

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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,

Elizabeth Lehualani Spliethof

From Kokoiki, North Kohala

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony to MKSOA/Agenda item: Review of letter to principals of TIO from Gov & Congress delegation

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From Ke'ala Lee Loy [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:29 AM  
To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

Nowemapa 12, 2025

'Ano ai me ke kapu aloha,

It is challenging to testify in kapu aloha after nearly seven years of testifying and showing up in kapu aloha for majestic sacred Mauna a Wākea. My name is Ke'ala Lee Loy, a retired teacher, school administrator, kānaka and Aloha 'Āina.

If your intent is to insult the intellectual and emotional intelligence of kānaka, then you have certainly achieved that intention. What exactly is difficult to comprehend as we continue to say "A'ole TMT!!!!"

There is no compromise with Mauna a Wākea, the University of Hawai'i has already committed more destruction and over-build of Mauna Kea than it ever should have without clear transparency and proper oversight of existing telescopes. The goal is to remove each telescope as each becomes obsolete and is decommissioned and properly removed.

The Governor's suggestion to relocate TMT (btw, changing TMT to TIO to confuse the multitudes is a great ploy, but it's not going to work) to a disturbed site as suggested by a Hawai'i community is ludicrous and again insulting to the intellectual and emotional intelligence of kānaka. Furthermore, what Hawai'i community exactly is Gov Josh Green referring to? Is it the same community who supported TMT that created a great divide throughout the pae 'āina? If so, you are addressing the wrong community.

A Star-Advertiser editorial ("Keep astronomy on Mauna Kea summit," Our View, Jan. 31) called astronomy in Hawaii the "perfect brainstorm intersect of science, economy, geography and culture" — with astronomy coming out ahead as "thriving," "successful" and "contributing" \$221 million to the annual economy

In February 2022 a brilliant rebuttal was written by Professor Williamson Chang of *the Richardson School of Law* titled; In Hawaii, a pristine Mauna Kea is a moral imperative. It speaks even louder in our current political and economic environment with the premature and forced negotiations between the military and state officials regarding the end of the 65 year lease of the Pohakuloa Training Area.

Professor William Chang's main points are captured here:

1. The article gives little weight to the importance of Mauna Kea, the value of a pristine Mauna Kea to Native Hawaiians, and those who share their sense of self.

2. A utilitarian approach that makes decisions simply based on the preferences of the many, and simply weighs economic benefits, or progress, is wrong in this case.
3. It is wrong because it produces injustice. If we applied the utilitarian approach to all decisions, then minorities would always lose.
4. Justice is not measured by balancing economic benefits against the universal moral rights of each individual. Equating the economy with the intrinsic value of a sacred place is trying to compare apples to oranges. The worth of a person is not reducible to economic values, or service to others. All who have worth or value as individuals have this value equally. We must never treat people in ways that fail to show proper respect for their unique value.
5. Yet, this is what we do, when as the editorial suggests, we weigh science, economy and geography as more important than the distinctive value that people have as individuals. This balancing of economic interests, this use of preference polls is to treat Native Hawaiians as a mere means to promote the ends of others. Any such, disrespectful treatment is wrong no matter what the consequences. Moral rights are universal. Moral rights are inalienable. Native Hawaiians did not lose their rights because of the overthrow, annexation or settlement of Hawaii by others. Moral rights are equal rights.
6. If there are sacred places, be it the Arizona Memorial, the World Trade Center, Mount Fuji, Mount Kilimanjaro, or the many sacred forests, rivers, animals and reserves, there are sacred places in Hawaii.
7. Mauna Kea is more than just a mountain. Mauna Kea has a crucial place in the world of Hawaiians. It is the epitome of the religious core of Native Hawaiians.
8. It is an essential part of a world view unique to Hawaii — a world view that we see in action every day in the form of the aloha spirit, malama aina, pono and kuleana.
9. Finally, Hawaii is the homeland of Native Hawaii. For those who came from other countries, that which is sacred is protected by national sovereignty. If what is sacred to Hawaiians is not protected in Hawaii, then where?

Again, this was published by Williamson Chang, a professor of law at *William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Feb. 2022. Not much has changed.*

Me ka 'oia i'ō wale nō,

P. Ke'ala Lee Loy

  
Hilo, Hi. 96720



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[EXTERNAL] Testimony: November 13, 2025 MKSOA Meeting

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From Mehana Kapoi [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:31 AM  
To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

**Aloha Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority Members,**

My name is Mehana Kapoi. I am an undergraduate student at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa. I write to you as a proud Kanaka Maoli, a descendant of generations of peoples who have loved and cared for this 'āina. In this testimony, I am begging you to do the same.

Mauna a Wākea is a sacred mauna for my people. The desecration of this mauna that the Thirty Meter Telescope, regardless of location, promises will have devastating impacts on Mauna Kea. Beyond cultural ties, Mauna Kea is part of a vital watershed for the island of Hawai'i. Desecration of the mauna through the building and operating of the Thirty Meter Telescope has great potential to pose risk to this vital resource.

My kūpuna knew the Mauna's importance, and so do I. I beg you to see it from this perspective.

Overall, I am writing to say that the Thirty Meter Telescope represents a continued pattern of taking from Kānaka, stripping us of our places of reverence and belonging.

**I am asking the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority Members to resist excessive overreach by the Governor and to follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws, in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.**

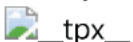
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Mehana Kapoi  
Undergraduate Student, University of Hawai'i Mānoa

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Undergraduate Student, University of Hawai'i Mānoa

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

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From Ano baruni [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:32 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is, Porcelain Granuladas and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from 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.

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,  
Porcelain Granuladas



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

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From kamahoi03@gmail.com [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:38 AM

To Ma n a Au h r i y Te i mo y <mka.e i mo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Kamahoi Kamuela Spencer and I am a Native Hawaiian born and raised in Mākaha. 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,

Kamahoi Kamuela Spencer

Mākaha, O`ahu

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

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From Tiffany Ing [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:39 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Tiffany Ing, and I am a Kanaka from Mānoa, O‘ahu, 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 reject any proposal to construct or relocate TMT **anywhere** on Mauna Kea, prioritize the **protection and restoration** of Mauna Kea’s summit and ecosystems, and 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,

Dr. Tiffany Lani Ing

Kumu, Papa Nowelo (Grade 12)  
Hālau Kū Māna New Century Public Charter School  
Makiki, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i

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

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**From** Aj Spliethof [REDACTED]  
**Date** Wed 11/12/2025 9:43 AM  
**To** Mauna Kea Ahui Tei mo y <mka.eimo.y@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is AJ Spliethof, 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.

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I urge the MKSOA to:

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

AJ Spliethof

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

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From Ahilapalapa Rands [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:52 AM

To Mauna a Auhiy Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Ahilapalapa Rands, and I am a Native Hawaiian artist and educator based in Te Tai Tokerau, Aotearoa (Northland, New Zealand). I am writing 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 sacred. It is the highest point in the islands — a place of deep spiritual and genealogical connection for Kānaka Maoli. The mountain is not an empty landscape waiting to be used; it is a living ancestor that continues to sustain and teach us.

Framing any new construction as “relocation” or “mitigation” does not undo the harm already done. The existing telescopes, built under poor management and with little true consultation, have already caused lasting ecological damage and cultural desecration. Further expansion—by any name—continues that legacy of harm and undermines the authority and stewardship of Kānaka Maoli.

I urge the MKSOA to center Indigenous care and protection of Mauna Kea by:

- Rejecting any proposal to build or relocate the TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.
- Prioritizing restoration and decommissioning of existing telescopes and facilities.
- Supporting Kānaka Maoli leadership, decision-making, and active guardianship of the mauna.

Protecting Mauna a Wākea is not only about stopping a telescope; it's about restoring balance and honoring the sacred responsibilities we hold to the land, the water, and future generations.

‘A‘ole TMT.

With respect and gratitude for your time and consideration,

Ahilapalapa Rands

Te Tai Tokerau, Aotearoa



[EXTERNAL] A'ole TMT

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From Liz Collins [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 9:54 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

Aloha kākou,

I am a resident of Moku o Keawe (Big Island) and a mother to Hapa-Hawaiian keiki and a graduate of UH Mānoa... My degree was in cultural and environmental anthropology and that is why this issue is of utmost importance to me.

I cannot believe that we have to do this again but I am here writing a testimony against any developments on Mauna Kea. There are several reasons that I am sure you folks have heard plenty of already. Yet, we are at this point again because it keeps being pushed even though there is clear opposition of this proposition today and forever more. It is beyond disrespectful to the kanaka & their culture here in Hawai'i to continue pushing for this project when they have spoken and said that they do not want it built on their sacred mountain. Cultural determination is so important especially today when there's so much important traditions that is being diminished from cultures around the planet. No amount of money is worth what this project could bring: pollution, hordes of people that would frequent the telescope (not just employees but also their visitors), from what we have seen in projects on the past is that same trend of colonization where it closes off access to those sacred places to the people who revere it the most. Having access to these places to gather in pule (prayer) is their birthright as Kanaka.

I hope this is the final time that we will all have to stand and testify and let you all know that we still are in opposition to this proposition... Go somewhere else with your plan!

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Have a blessed day.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Ann Collins

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

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From Hui Aloha 'Āina o Hilo [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:03 AM  
To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

We are Hui Aloha 'Āina o Hilo, and we are writing to you today in urgency, regarding the letter sent to TMT International Observatory by State of Hawai'i Governor Josh Green.

We are Kanaka, we are descendants of Mauna Kea, we are Aloha 'Āina, we are residents, we are neighbors, we are parents, we are youth, we are the ones who will have to answer for the decisions of our time – especially atop of Mauna Kea.

The October 24th letter from Josh Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is highly disappointing, disturbing, and should be of the greatest concern to this advisory board.

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”. Additionally, this news comes timely, as other reports are being made that TIO has found alternative and “promising” sites elsewhere, to proceed with their Thirty Meter Telescope. The motivation by Green to send such a disturbing letter shows that his interest in Mauna Kea does not lie in its stewardship, but rather as a bargaining chip.

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 Hawai‘i, where politicians and corporations talk behind closed doors, bump fists, and attempt to roll over the will and peace of the community.

We strongly urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by Josh Green and congressional delegates. Their attempts to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea only shows their lack of judgement in all matters concerning stewardship. Hold all parties accountable to the law, for the safety of all you have been tasked to protect – Mauna Kea

We also remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are Hawaiian national lands and waters that the Hawaiian Kingdom government (and its people) never relinquished - they are not for sale. Allowing such a monstrosity atop our summit is no different than the act of severing the bond of our ancestors, Papa and Wākea – whom join there, and from which all life comes forth.

As an organization, we 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.

E ho‘omau i ke kūpa‘a no ke aloha i ka ‘āina

Ka Hui Aloha ‘Āina o Hilo

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

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From Jaylynn Rowland 

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:06 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is Kuhilani Rowland , and I strongly oppose any proposal to construct or relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wākea, is sacred and holds deep cultural, spiritual, and ecological significance to Kānaka Maoli. Further industrial development, even under the idea of "relocation," continues harm to our 'āina and cultural practices.

I urge the MKSOA to protect and restore Mauna Kea, uphold Kānaka Maoli stewardship, and reject all plans for TMT on this sacred summit.

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

Mahalo,  
Kuhilani Rowland  
Mililani, Hawaii island of Oahu

Let's continue to mālama Mauna a Wākea and stand together for future generations.

With aloha and kuleana,

Kuhilani Rowland 

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**[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO**

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From Maile Lavea-Malloe [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:13 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka. e imo y@hawaii. v>

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

O wau o Maile Lavea-Malloe. Noho au Makahanaloa, Pepeekeo, Hawaii. My connections to Maunakea are:

- I am Kanaka Maoli, and Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor, shelter, and temple;
- Genealogically - my kupuna iewe + piko are at Waiau AND Poliahu is my kupuna;
- Spiritually - ceremony is done daily + seasonally
- Physically - the Wai a kea sustains our ohana as we reside on the slopes of Maunakea
- Mental - anguish of the imposing threats plague my thoughts daily. My heart breaks and I cry for the safety of our mountains and our people

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 reverence 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 land and people.

Ku Kiai Mauna!

**Maile Lavea-Malloe**



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[EXTERNAL] MKSOA testimony agenda item E (Oppose)

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From Kanoe Case [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:22 AM

To Ma n a a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

Aloha MKSOA,

‘O Kanoeuluwehianuheā Case Noho au I Pu’ukapu, Noho mai au I Wao Kele O Puna, Mauna Kea no Ku’u Mauna ame Ola i ko’u wai a Kane.

I’d like to open up my testimony opposing TMT in its entirety and specifically submitting written testimony today to oppose the TMT to be developed on an alternate decommissioning site with ‘ike about Wisdom.

Depth =wisdom,and we are asking you to make wise decisions in your roles in MKSOA and ask you to go deep and be wise. The following is a message shared to me by spirit a few months ago which I’d like to share with you for a gentle reminder “To summon the Wisdom that has already been entrusted to you, born with you, in your bones, in your blood, in your breathe, in your being, one must return into the womb of life, the wai or womb of ALL Life...wisdom is not acquired...it was gifted to you as a requirement to accompany you on this Lifes Journey, to accompany you into the next Lifes journey as your eternal guide...this is the message”

Be wise and Do not forget the land you stand on! Our Land, the aboriginal peoples of Hawai’i, Kanaka, which we share in being proper stewards and share in oversight.

We ask that you all be mindful and wise while you continue to Oversee our Mauna and operate Authority over decisions regarding the development of the TMT or any other developments affecting our Mauna as to Not exclude other protective measures that will be deliberated amongst MKSOA.

I ask that you Listen to those who were granted the seat at your table who also made their stance and sitting with you now as they represent our voice not only of today but the duration of this fight up. We made our stance clear, we do not support the TMT to be developed anywhere on our Mauna. Negotiating a new site for it to be on a decommissioned site is not a resolution. It is a breach of trust and you will need to start the process all over again, inducing generational trauma all over again, having hard working families who contribute to our communities to take time that is already limited to petition BLNR, to petition SHPD, and all stakeholders (public governing departments , private corporations) who refuse to listen to the voices of our people who are saying



enough is enough, we demand that you folks honor the determinations by supreme court hearings rulings such as:

1. Pele Defense Fund vs Paty in which Wao O Kele O Puna land swap **breached the public trust** created under § 5(f) of the Hawai'i Admission Act (admission of Hawai'i to the Union) and article XII, § 4 of the Hawai'i Constitution, because the ceded lands were supposed to be held in trust for certain public uses (including the betterment of native Hawaiians).
- PDF also alleged violations of: article XII, § 7 of the Hawai'i Constitution (protecting traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights) and Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) chapters 171 and 195 (governing public lands).
  - Additionally, PDF claimed due process violations and exclusion of its members from access for traditional, cultural and subsistence uses. The rulings sided with Pele Defense Fund.

1. Mauna Kea Aina Hou vs BLNR, **Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) to UHH** for the construction of the TMT **before holding a proper contested case hearing which they were found in the ruling to have violated due process. To disregard both findings of the Supreme Court would be UNWISE as you would be implying that we Kanaka Maoli and non- Hawaiians who oppose TMT development have no judicially enforceable rights** under the public lands trust and that all entities, government departments of the State of Hawai'i has failed in their fiduciary obligations to uphold public trust regarding ceded land leases to corporations disregarding the voice of our people who oppose these leases seeking to protect the balance of what we have left to properly steward our Hawai'i
2. **Ching vs Case, we honor the late uncle Ku Ching and aunty Maxines fight which the supreme court ruled that the State breached its fiduciary/trust duties by failing to undertake reasonable monitoring/inspection of the leased land even though it was aware of possible risks (such as unexploded ordnance). Therefore This decision reinforces that the State's role as trustee of ceded lands is active, not passive: the fiduciary duty includes monitoring and ensuring that third-party uses of those lands (especially military leases) do not compromise the trust for native Hawaiians and the general public. Therefore, It provides precedent for asserting accountability of state agencies (DLNR/BLNR) in the context of ceded lands and the rights of native Hawaiians. I do not feel MKSOA is exempt from this ruling, and the establishment of MKSOA mandated by the State of Hawai'i holds your entity just as vulnerable to these breaches of trust if not more and liability just as relevant to any development on our Mauna whether it be TMT, Pōhakuloa and/or Geothermal which I oppose ALL desecration on our Mauna.**

**Furthermore, I'd like you to reflect on our first meeting with eachother which I brought my daughter Emma Kauaheikala'ipiliaumoe Pereira whose Piko was placed in our Lake Waiau in 2013 as our long lasting stance against desecration on our Mauna. I brought her to share her presence first and foremost and give her space if she was comfortable to share her story or mana'o at our community talk story night in Hilo last year. She is still getting Ma'a as she**

observes how this all works. She regrets she cannot be at this meeting in person as she is attending Kula at Nāwahi today.

**Emma and I discussed the proposed alternative site upon the Governors announcement, which she is in opposition to and is now coming of age to understand Native Hawaiian Customary Rights and Traditions which she stands by in the knowing of the signifance of her Piko on our Mauna as well as the Kūleana and honor it entails. She wanted me to share that with you all today. At such her young age we are practicing being present in these meetings together to hold each of you accountable whether in person or in spirit accompanied by written testimony. It therefore holds us accountable in the capacity we understand and have. I as her mother am learning and understanding more each day what this right entails in the realms of political and legal jargon hidden behind a smoke screen of historical decision making by public Trust entities made on lies and deceit. We seek to remedy this, Ho‘oponopono this on a systemic level. A good start would be practicing our right as kanaka to just breathe and be who we are as Kānaka without having to fight for it to be recognized or taken to court for it to be upheld. She would like you to recognize this. I would like you to recognize this as we prioritize the psychosocial ramifications continuing to be inflicted and imposed on on our Keiki, youth, adults, Kūpuna and Ohana’s who fight daily to gain back our kanaka identity, preserve our spiritual connection and protect our spirit from further desecration by allowing these developments to impede on who we are.**

Lastly, This is all so very kahiko (old) as our kupuna have been presenting time and time again since 132 years of belligerent illegal occupation in our Hawai’i where in which our Queen was arrested for treason and had to stand down to protect our people in the knowing that one day our Hawai’i would be restored and Hawaiian Kingdom be reinstated. In which our Kūpuna signed the Ku’e Petition, thereby no Treaty Of Annexation exists.

Meanwhile we Will continue to stand with our Community and Kūpuna against all of these illegal land deals involving our F5 crown lands being exchanged without beneficiary consent, to include past and current proposals of land swaps, proposals of alternative sites on our Mauna to build TMT, allowing Pōhakuloa to be leased by the Military, entertaining Native to Native models of Geothermal development on DHHL/crown lands on our Mauna or any State F5 Lands held in trust which have no thorough inventory per OHA, any purchasing of private land wasting millions of tax dollars on purchases that in realty should not have been had which is rightfully ours to begin with.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Kanoewluwehianuhea Case ame ko‘u keiki:  
Emma Kauahe Pereira  
Hāloa Pereira  
Elijah Pereira

11/12/2025



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[EXTERNAL] MKSOA Meeting - November 13, 2025. Testimony

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From D Keali'i MacKenzie [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:23 AM

To Ma na a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

To: Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority Board  
John Komeiji, Business/Finance Chair  
Dr. Noenoe Wong-Wilson, 1st Vice Chair  
Rich Matsuda, 2nd Vice Chair

Aloha mai e,

My name is D. Keali'i MacKenzie, I am a Kanaka 'ōiwi poet and former librarian. As an 'ōiwi poet I was privileged in 2019 to perform poetry for the kūpuna and Mauna Kea Protectors present to defend Mauna Kea from development. This was my first time directly in the embrace and shadow of the Mauna. While I'd driven by Mauna Kea before, it was there, with my people and our allies, that its beauty and calm truly filled me. While I was staunchly against building any more telescopes before 2019, it was after that visit that the mauna's awe and majesty — echoed in 'ōiwi mele, oli, and literature — became absolutely apparent to me in my bones.

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

There is no feasible way to build a thirty-meter telescope on Mauna Kea without irrevocably damaging the mountain itself for current and future generations. There is no restoring a mountain after constructing such a telescope. To be clear, I am not against scientific exploration into the cosmos, however, my strong belief is that telescopes and other instruments of observation should be built in space — through international and inter-governmental cooperation — in ways that are least destructive to the environment.

The awe, beauty, and connection I felt in 2019 should remain for all 'ōiwi, and our friends and allies, unobstructed and without destruction in 2030, 2089, 2100, and beyond.

Me ka mahalo,

D. Keali'i MacKenzie, MLIS  
MA, Pacific Islands Studies  
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[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to TMT and Any "Relocation" on Mauna Kea

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From kealani berg [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:32 AM

To Mauna a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.v>

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

My name is Kealani Berg, and I was raised on the Big island of Hawai'i, and currently reside in Hilo.

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 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,

Kealani Berg

Hilo, Hawai'i

**[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item IX November 13, 2025**

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From Sandee Zaffarano [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:33 AM

To Ma n a Au h r i y Te i mo y <mka.e i mo y@hawaii.\_ v>

Aloha...

My name is Sandra (Sandee) Zaffarano, a resident of the Mendocino California coast. I lived, with my family in Kamuela, HI, 45 years ago, where my kitchen window view was Mauna Kea!

I am very passionate about the repeated aggressive uses, on the sacred Hawaiian Islands, for scientific & military uses! I believe ALL of Creation is sacred and to be respected & treated in an honorable way!

I request that Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority, resist the excessive overreach of Governor Josh Green & to follow the process that ensures accountability and transparency of laws, in order to maintain the sacred environmental integrity of Mauna a Wākea!

I am personally attached to keeping our Environments clean, healthy & sustainable for future generations!

Respect Creation...A'ole TMT!

Sincere Aloha~

Sandee Zaffarano





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

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From T A [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:37 AM  
To Ma n a Au h r i y Te i mo y <mka.e i mo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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

My name is **Tess** and I am a frequent visitor from the state of California and stand in solidarity with the local community that need to preserve their sacred land 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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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Tess A

San Francisco, CA

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

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From Flow State [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:43 AM

To Ma n a Au h ri y Te imo y <mka.e imo y@hawaii.\_ v>

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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