

[EXTERNAL]

From Malina Hoopii-Foley [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 10:57 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

My name is Malina Hoopii-Foley and I am a Native Hawaiian supporter standing in solidarity from Kaua'i. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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

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

I urge the MKSOA to:

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

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

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.

- Malina Ho'opi'i-Foley

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

From Corey Asano [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:03 AM

To Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority <mk@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Corey Asano. My connection to Maunakea is I am Kanaka Maoli, and Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor. I am also a member Hui Aloha Aina o Honolulu.

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

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains a conservation district, and the source waters of **all life** that depend on it from below. 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** the public processes associated with them.

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

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

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

Thank you for your time,

Corey Asano

[EXTERNAL] 'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

From Laura Hughes [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:09 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Laura Hughes, and I am a resident of Horta Portugal as a supporter standing in solidarity from Portugal. 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:

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

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

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

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
~Laura Hughes

[EXTERNAL] NO TMT

From Mona Trenae [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:09 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

We are a non profit that supports Aina based therapy for underserved populations!

I am in shock! What is this? Building on 'disturbed land', should not be a thing! The sacred mauna needs to be left alone! SHAME on all you that signed up for this! Do you think the people are oblivious to your deception?

Mazie! Brian! Josh! We resist the excessive overreach and the non-transparency ! Get with it! You all Know that this is NOT right!

Mona Trenae

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

From Corey Decker [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:14 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g 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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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.

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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,

Corey Decker

Fletcher, Vermont



Please excuse any errors, this was sent from my phone.

[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea

From Zach Street [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:25 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

I am writing today as a former but long-time resident of Hawai'i Island who cares deeply about the social and economic health of the people of Hawai'i and the health of the land and sea.

I am also writing as a professional in higher education who values maximizing educational opportunity for all.

Today I ask that MKSOA and all government agencies honor and uphold the law, and the special place Mauna Kea holds in the cultural, historic, and environmental value of Hawai'i.

The EIS for Mauna Kea is abundantly clear that existing telescopes and related activities have caused severe adverse impact to the resources of Mauna Kea, and that the TMT would worsen those severe impacts.

I watched in frustration and shame as some of my colleagues sought to fabricate loopholes and twists words to suggest the TMT could responsibly and legally be built on Mauna Kea, but an honest review of the EIS and general history of development on Mauna Kea, reveals a clear and singular truth:

The summit region of Mauna Kea is an extremely rare and special place and further large scale development will worsen already severe adverse impacts to several legally protected resources - even if built upon disturbed sites.

As an education professional with a passion for knowledge, understanding, and discovery, I was at first in full support of the TMT as an exciting new educational resource. But after years of studying the documents, listening to Hawaiians with ancestral connections to Mauna Kea, and spending much time on this special mountain, I now stand in passionate and informed opposition to any further large scale development.

For the sake of the Earth, for justice, for the law, and for our future, please resist any and all attempts to circumvent the law and inflict further damage and desecration of Mauna Kea.

Thank you,

Zach Street
Hilo Resident, 2008-2020

Sent from my iPhone

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

From Aulii Adviento [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:30 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Testimony Template for MKSOA Meeting November 13, 2025

To: mka.testimony@hawaii.gov

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

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

My name is ‘Auli’i Adviento, no Kailua Mai au. I am a Native Hawaiian and 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:

1. Reject any proposal to construct or relocate TMT **anywhere** on Mauna Kea.
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‘A‘ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
‘Auli’i Adviento
Kailua, Hawai’i

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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

From Kandice Daniel's [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:44 AM

To Maun k Au h r i y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Kandice Daniel's, and I am a resident of Kaneohe, Hawaii/ a Native Hawaiian / a supporter standing in solidarity from O'ahu. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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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,

Kandice Daniel's

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

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

From Marie-Luise Lothring [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:54 AM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Marie-Luise Lothring

[EXTERNAL] SUBJECT: 11/13/2025 Meeting Agenda item IX "Review of Letter to Principals of TIO from Governor and Congressional Delegation"

From Ms. Castro [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:59 AM
To Maunakea Ahui o Maunakea & the People of Hawaii & the People of the United States <mk@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Judith Castro I live on Hawai'i Island and that is my connection to Maunakea.

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".

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

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

Thank you for your time,
Judith Castro
Honoka'a, Hawai'i Island

[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea Testimony

From Shaun Wolfe [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:00 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Aloha,

My name is Shaun Wolfe and I am a resident of O'ahu. I am requesting that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by Governor Josh Green and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

I believe that the Governor is failing his people by trying to backdoor development on Mauna Kea and he's doing so because he knows that the people of Hawai'i do not support the TMT project on Mauna Kea. Mauna Kea is one of the most culturally and spiritually important places in Hawai'i. The people of Hawai'i have been protesting for years, putting their bodies on the line for Mauna Kea. It's been made clear time and time again that this is not something we want. For how much longer will we have to protest before we are heard? I'd like to personally ask the Governor to be accountable to his constituents. Listen to us. You are in this role to serve the people, so please listen to the people.

Mahalo,

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Shaun Wolfe (he/him)



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

From Maia Washington [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:12 PM

To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mk_esimo@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Maya Washington, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Cincinnati, Ohio. I submit this testimony in heartfelt opposition to any proposal or discussion to relocate or reconstruct the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Maunakea, whether on the current summit or any so-called "disturbed site."

Maunakea, or Maunakea a Wākea, stands for more than geology or the height of the island. It is the place where sky meets earth in Native Hawaiian cosmology — a sacred space of ancestors, of light and darkness, of life's deepest rhythms. For generations, the summit was reserved for ali'i, kahuna, and those who carried spiritual responsibility. This history still echoes beneath every footstep, every stone, every snowflake on her slopes.

To allow further industrial development — even under the term "relocation" — perpetuates the cycle of disregard that historically disrupted Kānaka Maoli stewardship and ignored the voice of the 'āina. The thirteen existing observatories were erected without full accountability, and despite initial promises, the impacts on fragile ecosystems, cultural sites, and the spiritual essence of Maunakea continue.

My requests to you today:

1. **Reject** any proposal to construct or relocate the TMT **on Maunakea** — without exception.
2. **Prioritize** the protection, healing, and restoration of the summit's ecosystems, water cycles, native flora and fauna, and cultural significance.
3. **Uphold the principle** of Kānaka Maoli stewardship by ensuring genuine, meaningful community participation — including Native Hawaiian leadership, transparent consultation, and full decision-making power.

Maunakea is sacred. This is not a matter of resource use alone — it is a matter of respect, memory, identity, and healing for future generations. If your mandate is truly stewardship, then stewardship demands protection from further desecration, not more construction.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your willingness to hear voices acting in love for the 'āina.
'A'ole TMT. No TMT, nowhere on Maunakea.

Mahalo nui loa,
Maya Washington- preferred spelling Maia

Cincinnati, Ohio

[EXTERNAL] TMT Testimony

From Ethan Lee [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:17 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Ethan 'Analū Lee, and I am a Doctorate of Architecture Student at the UH Mānoa who is also from Waimea, Hawai'i Island, and Native Hawaiian. 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:

- **Reject any proposal to construct or relocate TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.**
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Please stand with the people of Hawai'i and protect this mountain for future generations.

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me ke mahalo,
Ethan 'Analū Lee

[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item IX

From Leina'ala Sleightholm [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:34 PM
To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Nov. 12, 2025

Aloha MKSOA Board. My name is J. Leina'ala Sleightholm and I currently reside in Ho'okena, South Kona. Mahalo for the opportunity to address the recent letter by Josh Green and the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation.

I'm submitting my written testimony in strong opposition to Josh Green's intention to fast track the permit process and circumvent the normal permitting protocols.

His actions further the emotional and psychological harm to kānaka who have voiced their opposition to the TMT. He is prioritizing the needs of the corporations, and those who benefit from this project over the voices of the people of this place who have clearly said, no.

It is extremely offensive and harmful that he uses language in his letter such as, "the Hawai'i community's request" when that is not the truth. Auntie Pua Case has gathered nearly 500,000 signatures in her petition supporting the protection of Mauna Kea. In 2019 there were estimates of 1,000 to 3,000 protectors holding vigil at the foot of the mountain. This clearly shows that there are many communities who are not being heard or afforded the same consideration as the community he refers to.

In the spirit of what the MKSOA board was created for, I urge you to hold the TIO corporation, Josh Green, and the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation to the same processes and procedures that the people in the community are held to. Over many years we have taken time out of our day, sacrificed financially, emotionally, and physically to be present to work within the system and TIO should be held to the same processes for the well being of the mauna.

Please recognize and acknowledge the thousands who have said, no TMT. Kū kia'i mauna.

Mahalo,
J. Leina'ala Sleightholm

[REDACTED]

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

From Pua Case [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:40 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

My name is Pua Case, I'm from Pu'ukapu, Waimea and Mauna a Wākea is my mountain. My kupuna are kanaka maoli from 'Āwini and Niuli'i, Kohala 'Ākau though I'm born and raised in Waimea. I've been involved as a petitioner in multiple hearings and with thousands of others as a protector of Mauna Kea for the past 15 years.

For Hawai'i Island, what is impacting Mauna Kea is threefold, the building of the TMT which by the way would never fit on any decommissioned areas on the summit, the military leases at Pōhakuloa and exploration of geothermal possibly at Humu'ulu on DHHL lands which could in the future result in a geothermal plant there, all of which we consider to be Mauna Kea. and if not there, maybe at Kawaihae or maybe even Ka'ū. Today, the issue at hand is the TMT and Mauna Kea.

E kala mai, please excuse me that I am not here to testify in person or by zoom. Today, I am participating in the 'Aha Pule 'Āina Holo, a Makahiki Ceremonial Run around the island of Hawai'i that will pass through Hilo today. The ceremony began with bathing the Lono Staff in the waters of Lake Waiau and prayers and intentions set at the 'ahu at Pu'uhuluhulu and the hill of Pu'u Koli in Pōhakuloa.

The next four days runners from Hawai'i, Japan and the continent will be putting their footsteps on the ground and lifting their prayers to the top of the mountain for the protection of Mauna Kea and the health and well being of the island and it's people.

I've testified numerous times throughout the years on my concerns regarding Mauna Kea but today my concerns are a result of the recent letter

from the governor, as well as the support of the Hawaii Island Mayor on this controversial project impacting Mauna Kea, the way this project is being rushed through for approval and the manner in which Hawaiian values, stories, culture and traditions are inserted into publicity campaign of this project even while it would result in adverse, and irreversible harm, damage, desecration and destruction to the environment and consequently to our people.

tThe mauna is an extension of ourselves. It is a cultural, genealogical, environmental and spiritual obligation, and responsibility for us. We don't take the word Kuleana lightly and when it comes to the TMT, TIO cannot apologize to us and hope for us to change our minds because they hold meetings and present and provide scholarships in our schools and make promises to the business communities. They should be doing all of that regardless of the TMT for the years they have had the mountain in their control and, neither can they wait us out, pay us off, make us promises, change our minds, hope we divide or give up or think that our numbers will dwindle.

In response to the opening statement in the Governor's letter to TIO, "We would like to formally acknowledge your commitment to addressing the Hawai'i community's request for a possible relocation to a disturbed site..," they may have met with or interviewed individuals, and businesses numbering 1,500, but there have been thousands upon thousands not just here in Hawai'i but around the world who have expressed their commitment and solidarity to protect Mauna Kea. Yet the Government has continued to ignore and dismiss the voices of the people.

The Governor also states that he "...and appropriate officials in his Administration will work with MKSOA and the University of Hawai'i to promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure for obtaining the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site." **I here, add my voice to the collective request that MKSOA resist the excessive overreach by the Governor, not work with him to rush this project through and that you follow a process that ensures transparency, and**

accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

Lastly the Governor ends with “looking forward to working with TIO and the broader community to honor the shared responsibility of Mauna Kea and the success of this project.” If he is indicating that the ‘broader Hawai‘i community’ is the same ‘Hawai‘i community’ in the opening of the letter, rest assured that, we, the people, will continue to engage in the processes to keep our government in check following the laws and rules that are in place, and that we demand on having our voices be included in the decision making and not be ignored or dismissed. As a collective, when it comes to one or more of the issues surrounding Mauna Kea we remain aligned with the heart of the mountain and grounded in the great work, and effort that have sustained and moved us forward as a lāhui and pae ‘āina and world-wide community for Mauna Kea.

Every reason that we have ever stood for Mauna Kea remains the same, our minds have not changed, money is not more important than permanent destruction and desecration that will result in repercussions and consequences we leave for our keiki. impacting Hawai‘i. Now is a time to strengthen ourselves and each other. In Pono and Kapu aloha, Aloha ‘Āina. ‘Aole TMT is still No TMT anywhere on the mountain.

Sincerely,

Pua Case, Pu‘ukapu Waimea

[EXTERNAL] Testimony

From Aliza McKeigue [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:46 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Aliza Gebin, a resident of South Kona and a long-time supporter of indigenous peoples rights and the preservation of sacred natural spaces. I am writing to request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea. I personally resist TMT being built any where on Mauna Kea as a way to preserve the cultural, spiritual, and environmental sacredness of this place.

Mahalo nui loa,
Aliza

Aliza Gebin
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[EXTERNAL] Testimony Template for MKSOA Meeting

From Theresa [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 12:58 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Testimony Template for MKSOA Meeting November 13, 2025

To: mka.testimony@hawaii.gov

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

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

My name is Theresa Meleisea and I am a resident of salt lake city Utah at the moment / a Native Hawaiian / a supporter standing in solidarity from Utah. 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,
Theresa Meleisea
Salt lake city Utah



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

From Catarina Z [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:13 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Catarina Zaragoza, and I am a resident of 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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Catarina Zaragoza

Hilo, Hawai'i

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

From Tanya Anne [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:16 PM

To Maunakea Ahui Tekele & Taniyama <mk_taniyama@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is **Tanya Yamanaka Aynessazian**. I live on Hawai'i Island in Hilo and am a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands who stands with the Hawaiian people and their calls for the protection of their lands, especially Maunakea. My Japanese name, Miyuki, means beautiful snow, and both my paternal grandmother and grandfather have the kanji 山 (yama) - meaning mountain - in our family name (Moriyama and Yamanaka). I feel a kinship to Maunakea and to other sentient beings of the mountains.

That said, I'll start by naming and honoring the thousands of people who have stood to protect Maunakea from becoming a place for industrial development for decades. Their vigilance is not anti-science or anti-progress—it is a call to redefine what progress truly means. The Governor's actions over the past month make it clear that the push to build the TMT is not about economic development or the advancement of science, but rather about consolidating political power, desire to ritually desecrate a sacred place, and increase the exploitation and suffering of the land and its people. We are all deeply aware that what happens on the mountain flows down to the sea. Every decision made at the summit carries consequences for the aquifer beneath, the kalo fields, the coral reefs, and the generations yet to come.

The October 24, 2025 letter from Governor Green and Hawai'i's Congressional delegation is deeply troubling. Instead of addressing the people they were elected to serve, the letter was sent directly to the TMT International Observatory. In it, they commit to working with the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority and the University of Hawai'i to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site."

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

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

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this overreach by the Governor and Hawai'i's congressional delegation to consolidate power and clear the path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea. The Hawaiian people must have genuine agency over their land and their future. This letter reflects a disturbing pattern we are witnessing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations meet behind closed doors, exchange gestures of agreement, and attempt to roll over the will and peace of the community.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not only sacred—it is Hawaiian national land, never relinquished by the Hawaiian Kingdom government or its people. I remain personally committed to standing again, if necessary, for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Tanya Yamanaka Aynessazian
Hilo, Hawai'i

I am because We are. We are because I am.

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

From Leihali'a Kukahiko (2032) [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:45 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Leihali'a Anna Kaleinaniokalaniakea Kukahiko and I am a resident of Makiki ,a Native Hawaiian ,and a supporter standing in solidarity from O'ahu, Honolulu, HI. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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Leihali'a Kukahiko. O'ahu

[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item E Testimony

From Hanako Hale [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:50 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Aloha, my name is Richard K. Akiona Jr. I was born and raised on the island of Hawaii . Mauna Kea is a part of my ohana and has been for generations. I request that Mauna Kea stewardship and oversight authority

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

Mauna Kea for nearly sixty years and have witnessed the continued desecration of this sacred place by those who have no connection to these lands. TMT will not be built on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for reviewing my testimony, Richard K. Akiona Jr.

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition to TMT Mauna Kea

From Addison Millan (2032) [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:51 PM
To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>
Cc S ua [REDACTED]

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

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Noelani
Hawai'i 'Oahu

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From Isla Grace Saifoloi (2032) [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:51 PM
To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>
Cc S ua S ko k [REDACTED]

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

My name is Ku'u lei Saifoloi, and I am a resident of Pauoa 'Oahu and a Native Hawaiian supporter standing in solidarity from 'Oahu. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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Ku'ulei Saifoloi
Honolulu, 'Oahu.

[EXTERNAL]

From Eriksson Yoshimoto (2032) [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:52 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Cc Stuart Sakoeki [REDACTED]

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

My name is Kūli`u Yoshimoto, and I am a resident of Hawaii standing in solidarity from Oahu . I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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Kūli`u Yoshimoto
Ewa beach

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

From Susan Herhold [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:56 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Susan Talbot Herhold, and I am a resident of Waimea (Kamuela), Hawai'i. I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Waimea. I am submitting this testimony in very strong opposition to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

I have lived on Hawai'i island since 1965 when my family came from Pennsylvania. I have hiked all over the summit of Mauna Kea long before the thirteen telescopes were built. I remember when my friend's father was hired to research the summit of Mauna Kea in preparation for observatories to be built there. Years later he admitted to his daughter that the telescopes had been "rubber stamped" in, and that he was ashamed of the mismanagement of them by the University of Hawai'i.

It is interesting to me that you refer to the relocation site for TMT as "disturbed". Yes, I agree. It is very disturbed. These observatories (telescopes) have caused great ecological damage as well as cultural desecration. It is time to restore and protect the summit of Mauna Kea and no longer destroy it. It is time to focus on our 'aina here and preserve what we have for future generations. It is time to respect the immense cultural, spiritual, and ecological importance of Mauna Kea. It is not just a mountain but a very sacred place for all of us. I stand with Native Hawaiians, the Kanaka Maoli, and the people who reject any more building of any kind on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo,

Susan Herhold

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to Governor Greens Recent Letter - Board Meeting Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority - November 13, 2025

From Nancy Redfeather [REDACTED]
Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:57 PM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mk...@hawaii.gov>
Cc Nancy Redfeather [REDACTED] Le Messing [REDACTED]

Testimony on Agenda Item IV.E Board Meeting Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority - November 13, 2025

Aloha mai Board Members,

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Our Board is just one of many in our community who has been accumulating data, documentation, and scientific studies on the environmental impacts of the massive TMT Observatory as being proposed for the summit of Maunakea.

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Aloha and Mahalo,

Ka Ohana O Na Pua
Nancy Redfeather - Director



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

From Moriyah-Grey McMillan (2032) [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:57 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

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Keike Mcmillan
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Date Wed 11/12/2025 1:58 PM
To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>
Cc S ua S ko k [REDACTED]

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My name is Mua Pokela Balles, and I am a native resident of Manoa, Honolulu . I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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Mua Pokela Balles, Manoa, Honolulu

[EXTERNAL] No TMT on Mauna Kea

From Patricia Gozemba 

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:01 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Dear MKSOA Board Members,

I stand with a large number of Native Hawaiians and others in protesting the apparent efforts by the governor and others to overreach and propose this new strategy for getting the TMT on Mauna Kea--one way or another without consulting seriously with Native Hawaiians and their supporters. Desecration on the Mauna is painful for all of us but more so for Native Hawaiians.

In taking down two telescopes some of the aina has a chance to heal. To suggest building TMT at those sites, just beginning to heal, shows a lack of understanding of the desecration that has happened. To desecrate it again is almost unimaginable. Redoubling the injury.

Please finally put this ill-guided proposal of the governor and others to rest so that we can focus on protecting all of our precious land.

Grateful,
Pat

Patricia A. Gozemba



Pronouns she/her/hers

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

From Troy Taylor [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:06 PM

To Maunakea Authority Tesimoy <mktesimo@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Troy Taylor. Maunakea connects to all those born of, or incubated in her 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 for as long as it takes, to protect this mountain, this water, and the dignity of her stewards.

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

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

Thank you for your time,
Troy Taylor

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

From Danielle Magee [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:18 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Danielle Magee, and I am a resident of Kaneohe. 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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Kaneohe, Hawai'i

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From Gavin Spliethof [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:25 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

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

My name is Gavin 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.

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,

Gavin Spliethof

[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea

From Jennifer Mitchell [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:32 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Aloha,

Mauna Kea is SACRED. It is the piko of the Hawaiian people, it connects the heavens and Earth. Keep Mauna Kea as is. No more digging. No more construction or building of anything on Mauna Kea, not on the Northern plateau, the Eastern flank- nowhere on the Mauna.

The military leases will expire in 2029- the military needs to clean up ALL their opala on the way out, if they start the cleanup now they won't have as much to clean up when their lease ends.

No more Geothermal Exploration at Humu'ula on Hawaiian Homelands.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Mitchell

Aloha 'Aina

Sent from my iPhone

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

From Mr. Classico [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:35 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Greetings to the Chair & Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,

My name is Alex Maxwell and I am a citizen supporter standing in solidarity for the sovereignty of Mauna Kea; as such, I am submitting this testimony written advocacy in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

The first principle of Science is problem solving and innovation; with that in mind there are already 28 telescopes in Hawaii, meaning there is more than enough space to create equitable solutions and continue scientific work that doesn't impede on Mauna Kea rights so research and cultural respect can coexist as we all know it is possible.

In a formal legal capacity, there is a precedent for the recognition of Landmarks having their own individual Environmental rights and personhood; for example, the Whanganui River in New Zealand. In the same respect, Mauna Kea or Mauna a Wākea should have the spirit of that same legal personhood status extended to itself for the defence of its rights to remain free of environmental disturbances. The Mountain of Mauna Kea it is not just a mountain it's 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.

Optimistically, this council is presented with an opportunity to do better for the future, as it would be best to choose investing into more Respectful plans so that the scientific community can become better guests in and to the Hawaii they operate in. Choosing not to impede on Mauna Kea would also be best, considering 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 that have also not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration to the site as faithful actions would require.

In lieu of all that was said, I would strongly urge the MKSOA to adopt the following resolutions:

Soundly 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. This can be achieved by committing to opening an advisory

council that works with locals to remedy past offences made by mismanaged scientific projects

The personhood of Mauna Kea is a sacred site with the right to remain undisturbed and Free from continued exploitation.

Lastly, since there is No Planet B we need to protect Planet A & Science is ultimately done for the Good of people and the world so please stand with the people of Hawai'i and protect this mountain for future generations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

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

Alex Maxwell

[EXTERNAL] testimony for Thursday November 13 meeting

From Caitlin Blanchfield [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 2:49 PM

To Maunakea Astronomy Testimony <mktestimo@hawaii.gov>

Dear Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Committee,

I write to urge you to reject the proposal by Governor Josh Green to approve a permit for the Thirty Meter International Observatory on a decommissioned telescope site within the Mauna Kea Science Reserve. I am an architecture and landscape historian who has learned and written about the history of the movement to protect Mauna Kea from the development agenda of the State of Hawai'i and from the environmental impacts of the astronomy industry. I have read about and spoken to kia'i on the importance of Mauna Kea and learned the reasons why the Thirty Meter Telescope would degrade this living landscape in its totality, which extends outside the footprint of one telescope. I have also read decades of environmental impact reports and news articles about the impacts of the other telescopes built on the Mauna, I have seen the evidence of their destruction of cultural landscapes and potential to pollute a unique and fragile ecosystem. There is a history of mismanagement, shoddy environmental review, and poor custodianship of the land on the part of the TMT and other telescopes that preceded it. This is why certain sites are deemed "degraded" to begin with, and pushing through permits through state executive action will only further contribute to mismanagement. As you know, kia'i, allies, and the wider community has spoken vociferously on the front lines, in contested case hearings, and through testimony against the TMT. This is the message Josh Green should be hearing. The processes in place for custodianship of the Mauna, put into place because of the University of Hawai'i's inability to properly care for this mountain, should be maintained.

all best,
Caitlin Blanchfield



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November 11, 2025

To the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority - MKSOA

My name is Jeri Di Pietro, I live in Koloa in the Kona Moku of Kaua'i. Hawai`i SEED is a community group who share a deep concern for health, food sovereignty, water and the integrity of the land, across the islands.

We want to register our strong opposition to this process addressed in Governor Josh Green's letter. We ask that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority reject this proposal to accept a monetary transaction in exchange for permission to relocate and permit the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea. This sizeable disruption has been soundly rejected by the people of Hawai`i and from around the World.

Request to continue to desecrate an already disturbed site is unfeasible and unacceptable, still. It is very assumptive for the Governor and our Congressional Delegation to write and sign a letter of support for this transactional agreement. This letter exemplifies excessive overreach.

This should never be a consideration. The Kia`i have clearly demonstrated that the proposed building of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea is inappropriate. Nothing has changed; this is not acceptable. Monetary exchange is not a valid alternative. Changing the site location does not alter the previously expressed rejection of this project.

It is inappropriate, and the environmental impact would be destructive, both physically and culturally. Please reject this process. This proposal by the Governor and Congressional Delegation should be dismissed and disregarded. Please resist this extensive overreach and fast-tracking of the stance expressed in this letter.

Mahalo,

Hawai`i SEED
Jeri Di Pietro, President

JoNelle Fukushima
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date: November 12, 2025

To: Governor Josh Green
MKSOA Chair John Komeiji
Executive Director John De Fries
MKSOA Members
University of Hawai'i President Wendy Hensel
Vice President Vassilis Syrmos
UH-Hilo Chancellor Bonnie Irwin
Mayor Kimo Alameda

Subject: Urgent Support for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea

Aloha Governor Green, Chair Komeiji, Executive Director De Fries, esteemed MKSOA Members, UH Leadership, and Mayor Alameda,

I say this with deep respect for our 'āina and for our people, but also with genuine frustration and love for Hawai'i. Many of us silently have watched our community rise up against the Thirty Meter Telescope, and we understand why. The Mauna holds deep spiritual meaning. It is sacred, and it deserves respect. I am writing on behalf of the silent majority, to passionately express our unwavering support for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project. As we stand at this crossroads, it is essential to recognize not only the scientific advancement this project represents but also the profound implications it has for our community and our future.

We must ask ourselves: where were the same voices of protest when the previous thirteen telescopes were built? These developments have existed for decades, paying a shameful dollar a year while our communities have struggled under the weight of economic hardship. Many of our people are left paying exorbitant rents, waiting for land, and facing daily challenges! TMT has committed more than its fair share, millions to our community even before breaking ground. Why is there such animosity towards a telescope that could revitalize our economy, create jobs, and provide fresh food for our families? Again, I have to ask you, where is that same fire when our people go hungry? When our keiki can't afford school lunches, or when our kupuna are choosing between rent and medication? Where is that same passion when we look at how many of our own are behind bars, or those who left struggling to find a way back home?

We have only about 160,000 Native Hawaiians still living here in Hawai'i. We are now the fourth largest ethnic group in our own homeland, and more Native Hawaiians live on the mainland than here. Every year, more of our families leave because they can't afford to stay. Our numbers at

home are dwindling, and with them, our connection to this land. **That is the crisis.** That is what should keep us awake at night.

The Mauna is not fragile. It has stood through storms, eruptions, and time itself. It will stand long after all of us are gone. What's fragile is our people — our ability to survive and thrive on our own soil. The focus on protecting a Mauna that has withstood billions of years of natural forces seems misplaced when we are losing our people and our culture. We need to be up in arms about the erosion of our community, not just about a telescope that can bring progress.

And let's be honest, there are many, many Hawaiians **who quietly support the telescope**, a silent majority who believe in science, education, and opportunity. But too often they stay silent because they fear being bullied, shamed, or told they're "not Hawaiian enough" if they speak up. We can disagree without dividing our people. No one individual, no one agenda, has the right to speak for all Hawaiians and all who call Hawai'i home.

There are vital opportunities tied to this project, good-paying labor jobs, construction work, manufacturing, and technology. These are jobs that could help feed families, keep people here, bring our people back and give our youth something to build toward instead of leaving home to survive. We talk about sovereignty, about self-sufficiency, but that starts with being able to feed our own families, to work, to live, to stay. The TMT project is not just about a telescope; it's about fostering a sustainable future. It has already contributed more to our community than many realize, quietly supporting numerous initiatives which empower Native Hawaiian growth.

We can protect culture and pursue progress at the same time. These things don't have to fight each other. We can hold sacred what is ancient, and still build for the future.

Let's shift some of that energy we've spent fighting each other, and use it to lift up our people. The Mauna will endure. But our people, our 'ohana, our keiki, our future, they need us right now. The time has come to fight not just against something, but for something: for our survival, for our dignity, and for a Hawai'i that truly takes care of our own! Instead of viewing this project as a threat, we should embrace it as an opportunity to unite and strengthen our community while honoring our cultural heritage.

Let us not find ourselves on the wrong side of history, fighting against progress that can uplift us all. The TMT has the potential to create pathways for future generations, and we should welcome it with open arms rather than resistance. Thank you for your attention to our silent majority's perspective. We hope for your continued support of the TMT and the hope it brings for a brighter future for our community.

Mahalo nui,

JoNelle Fukushima

[EXTERNAL] 'A'ole TMT

From Ikaika [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:02 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Hello,

My name is Ikaikaonalani, I am a kanaka 'ōiwi with genealogical ties to the islands of O'ahu, Māui, and Hawai'i— Mauna Kea was the mauna of my older kūpuna, some of whom are buried on the island of Hawai'i to this day. We are Mauna Kea.

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

Building TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea goes against all **forms of consent**. Kānaka do not consent to our sacred Mauna being built upon, the Mauna does not consent to being dug up, desecrated and built upon, the gods do not consent, the kūpuna do not consent.

On top of this, there are examples galore of how and why constructing on top of mountains goes wrong every single time. Mountains **serve** and sustain the lands; they are that which rain waters **flow** down, flow into rivers, which flow into the ocean. Anything and everything that takes place at the top of a mountain trickles down below. Especially pollution.

Consider these words.

Take care,
Ikaikaonalani

[EXTERNAL] 30 Meter Telescope

From Theodore Herhold [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:13 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

I am a resident of Waimea on the Big Island of Hawaii. I understand there is a move to resurrect the 30 meter telescope project by building on one of the decommissioned sites. Given the long history of abuse, neglect, and cultural insensitivity on the Mauna, I am adamantly opposed to construction of the 30 meter telescope or any other development on the most sacred site of the Hawaiian islands. Respect for the Mauna, the environment, and the Hawaiians' cultural history mandates that this project not move forward.

Theodore Herhold
Waimea, HI

[EXTERNAL] Re: Testimony no TMT

From Rocky I [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:14 PM

To D R kley [REDACTED]; Maun k a Au ri y Testimo y mk . estimo y@h ii g v>

In 1893, USA backed terrorist act does not give anyone jurisdiction over Ko Hawai'i Pae 'Aina and the Kanaka Maoli people

We watch gage rape of sacred repeatedly by the university of Hawaii

They proclaimed that they are the educators of the keiki o ka 'Aina but you lie

You are for corporate rape of this planet. Shame on you.

All over this planet corporations are raping, stripped mine in and poisoning everybody in each location of the world where the rich control by violence ask to drill in somebody else's communities

Then Congress sends money to kill Palestinians as ormat is isreali owned

Shame on all of you

Educators?

Or gang rape, Aina?

I live next to ORMAT and have been repeatedly poisoned usually when PGV opens their well head to remove platinum gold even even patented multiple discoveries

Let's talk about weaponizing Mauna Kea for geothermal to power military gang rape of what feeds

Sad to allow University from stealing from the keiki o ka 'Aina

Got to change The name of the university of Hawaii

To the university of Thieves

End USA occupation before they finish raping every inch

For what

How many permits has astronomers had ever

2019 arrested Kupuna found out no permits

Not about the money. But the process how build illegally with telescopes geothermal

Criminals don't run university of Hawaii

They rape aina all over the world

Where everyone can see the true side of the university of Hawaii terrorists to the tenth power

Should all be in jail

Obvious to this Aloha 'Aina warrior

Now go look in the mirror do see and educator or a terrorist?

Can't hide

We going call you all out

The university of Hawaii used the Mauna access since 1968 without paying dhhl to access the top?

But Active war of violence, not telescopes and generating electricity. Geothermal is nothing like that. It's all toxic in the university of Hawaii. Shame on you guys you should lose all your accreditation, killing and destroying sacred lands.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 9:31 AM, Dea Rackley [REDACTED] wrote:

As a voting citizen here on Big Island Hawaii I do not approve of the Governor's over reach in

Pushing TMT on to our sacred Mauna.

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

A'ole TMT!

Dea Rackley,
Pahoa, Hi.

Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] mauna a wakea

From Aaron Asuncion [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:21 PM

To Maun k Au h r i y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

11/12/2025

to whom it may concern,

my name is lopaka asuncion. my mother and father were born in the shadow of mauna a wakea, as was my mother's mother & her mother before her. seven generations of my family have been subject to the perpetual kingdom of hawaii. my family came to the shadow of mauna a wakea seeking refuge from the violence of american colonialism, ONLY to find this same violence committed against the vulnerable community of this most sacred refuge.

we have watched as our life-giving sanctuaries were defiled beyond recognition. rivers, ponds, forests, shorelines and reefs that fed us were poisoned by the heedless short-sighted violence of american colonialism.

now we have been driven to the most sacred of sanctuaries, mauna a wakea, where foolish greed and wanton brutality relentlessly press in, slashing, clawing and battering against our very bodies as we stand huddled around the source of life.

it IS enough now, cease. be warned, be still. respect the sacred. wisdom requests the MKSOA resists excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of mauna kea.

please stop the violence against this most sacred mountain, there has been ENOUGH violence, yet violence STILL continues against SO much of our community. thank you for your time and consideration.

“set boundaries for the people all around, saying, take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base.”

respectfully,
lopaka asuncion

[EXTERNAL] No to building on Mauna Kea

From Sean English [REDACTED]

Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:27 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Aloha,


I am emailing my opposition to the building of TMT.

Mauna Kea is a sacred site and a symbol of our beautiful islands to alter it would be a disgrace to the people of Hawaii and our ancestors. Please hear us when we say no.

Mahalo for your time. Please make the right choice here.

Sean

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition to TMT on Mauna Kea

From Mary Christa Smith 

Date Wed 11/12/2025 3:29 PM

To Maun k Au h ri y Tes imo y <mk es imo @h w ii g v>

Aloha,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to any plan to facilitate the building of the TMT on Mauna Kea.

It is inappropriate environmentally and culturally. Listen to the voices of the kia'i and their allies - not the few who will enrich themselves with this project. This project is desecration. It is environmentally unsound. It impacts the watershed of our island. A'ole TMT.

Kindly,
Mary Christa

Mary Christa Smith

[She/They](#)

