
[EXTERNAL] Protect Mauna Kea

From Christina Sanchez [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 6:31 AM

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

Aloha,

My name is Christina Sanchez who resides on O'ahu who is an ally with the Kia'i and Native Hawaiians that are in unwavering support to protect Mauna Kea.

I'm testifying 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.

Mauna Kea is sacred land. Who is governor green, the military or any other person who is not kanaka have the right to say where the TMT should be built. Or declare that there is disturbed land on Mauna Kea. The only disturbed land in Hawai'i is where the telescopes have been placed and where the military has desecrated the land by their bombs and weapons. Please listen to the kanaka and community and resist any further actions involving destruction or building TMT on Mauna Kea.

In solidarity,
Christina

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

From Mele McPherson [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 6:50 AM

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

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

My name is Mele McPherson, and I am a resident of Kawaihae, a Native Hawaiian and a staunch supporter standing in solidarity from Kailapa Hawaiian Homes on Hawai'i island. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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

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

Everyday I step outside my house, the first thing I see is Mauna Kea. Everyday I am in awe of all that Mauna Kea represents to

me culturally, spiritually and physically. Everyday I am also painfully reminded by all the many telescopes already atop Mauna Kea that I can see from here, of the long and continued 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.

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Mele McPherson

Kailapa, Kawaihae, Hawai'i Island



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Written testimony

From priegogina@aol.com [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 7:22 AM

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

Aloha No telescope on the aina secret 🙏 please stop desecration of our Mauna.

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Re: [EXTERNAL] MKSOA Board Meeting 11/13 Testimony

From Iosua Kamanawa Kinimaka Mano'i [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 11:53 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

In the interest of time I withdrawal my oral testimony segment. And continue to advocate against any further development on Mauna Kea.

On Thu., Nov. 13, 2025, 10:26 a.m. Maunakea Authority Testimony, <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Please use this link to log into the zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98699515770?pwd=v20uvmpUbCPjyAIVxs6PZ4oQU68p7.1>

You will be kept in the waiting room until it is your turn to speak. After you have given your testimony, please exit the meeting. You may view the livestream on YouTube at <https://youtube.com/live/nxR7ISSwnxo> or on our channel page at <https://www.youtube.com/@MaunaKeaSOA> while you are waiting.

When you are let into the main meeting please CLOSE THE YOUTUBE WINDOW or there will be an audio feedback loop.

Mahalo,

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From: Iosua Kamanawa Kinimaka Mano'i [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 7:19 AM
To: Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MKSOA Board Meeting 11/13 Testimony

Kamanawa Kinimaka of Kona, Hawai'i
[REDACTED]

Providing testimony for agenda item:
VI./E Letters to Principals of TMT(TIO)

Mahalo,
Aliko Kamanawa Kinimaka



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

From Kaua Kama [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 7:34 AM

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

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

My name is E. Kaualilinoe Kama and I am kanaka maoli standing in solidarity from 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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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.

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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,

E. Kaualilinoe Kama
Honolulu, Hawaii
[REDACTED]

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

From Ninakaye Taanetinorau [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 7:35 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Kia ora Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority

My name is Nina Kaye Taane-Tinorau, and I am of the Ngaati Maniapoto tribe native to Aotearoa (New Zealand), who stands in solidarity from the city of Hamilton.

As tangata whenua to Aotearoa (native to NZ), my people are the younger siblings to the native Maoli people of Hawaii. We share many of the same ancestors, speak different dialects of the same language and have a deep, resonant connection in person, spirit, land and water. Because of all of these ties, Mauna Kea is considered to be one of our most sacred ancestral mountains, not only for our genealogical connection, but for the role we understand it to play in terms of the wellbeing of the entire planet.

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.

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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 around the world, to protect this mountain for future generations.

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Nina Kaye Taane-Tinorau

Kirikiroa, Aotearoa

Hamilton, New Zealand



[EXTERNAL] Agenda item E

From Melissa Tomlinson [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 7:44 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha kakahiaka,

i am someone who traveled to the Mauna in 2019 to stand with Kānaka to protect Mauna a Wākea from the Thirty Meter Telescope. i love Hawai'i with all that i am and i understood then, as it is still understood now, TMT will not ever have consent. Mauna Kea, the Kūpuna and all who stopped construction of TMT are responsible for awakening Liberation within me. i will forever be woven into reciprocating that aloha and care into all that i do. Anyone aligning themselves with TMT in anyway has violent intentions for Hawai'i. Wether they themselves recognize that, is part of the problem. The harm TMT has already caused and continues to cause in its pursuits, propositions, and declarations needs to be stopped!

This testimony is answering the Kāhea to request that as MKSOA, you Resist the governor's overreach and exhibit a process that ensures transparency and accountability, as well as adhering to all applicable laws that maintain the integrity of Mauna a Wākea.

We are still here! We are still standing for Mauna Kea and we allways will!

-when I first told a friend about what was happening in 2019, she didn't believe TMT would be stopped. She believed TMT would murder people to see their project through. That's the course they're on, that is who they are. TMT is already consuming lives, don't let them demand spilled blood because if this continues it will come to that. See you on the Mauna.

Sincerely,

Melissa Jean Tomlinson
Lafayette, CA

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Maunakea Leases

From Dennis Lin [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 7:53 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha MKSOA Board,

I am writing in strong support of renewing the leases on Maunakea and establishing a path forward for TMT on a decommissioned site. Astronomy offers opportunities for Hawaii Island's youth in our community. We need a diverse and thriving economy. Astronomy and the industry it brings can do that.

I encourage all board members to move this process forward and work on the details in a collaborative forum later.

Mahalo,

Dennis

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[REDACTED]



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[EXTERNAL] MaunaKea YES, TMT--NO!

From dlimay7@aol.com [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 8:23 AM

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

A'ole TMT. No backdoor deal to substitute a 30-meter superstructure onto the same site of the CalTech sub-meter scope! The people of Hawai'i won't accept this "Bait-and-Switch" scam!

Ki'ai Mauna!

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

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

From Jada Kazim [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 8:46 AM

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

Aloha Chair and Members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority,
My name is Jada Kazim, and I am a resident of Honolulu, currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in biodiversity, ecology, and conservation at Smith College in Massachusetts. 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,

Jada Kazim

Honolulu, HI

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

From Kanani Silva [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 9:09 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Kanani Silva, and I am a Native Hawaiian and resident of Kahalu'u, 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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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kanani Silva

Kahalu'u, O'ahu, Hawai'i



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[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea Telescopes

From mary@marybegier.com [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 9:14 AM

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

I respectfully request an open mind be kept by all parties involved in site selection, in number of telescopes. I further request that we as community members strive to bridge any gaps in communication between the astronomy industry and those that self identify as opposed for any reason.

Thank you for allowing this submission at late notice. I appreciate your work and volunteer efforts very much! With Aloha, Mary Begier

Sent from my iPhone

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

From Ellie [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 9:23 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Ellie Trahern, and I am a 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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'A'ole TMT. No TMT anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Ellie Trahern

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Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade.

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg



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[EXTERNAL] astronomy today....in Hawaii

From Jeff Gray [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 9:29 AM

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

Hawaiians have been astronomers for all time.

There should be no blockage of TMT and Mauna Kea lands for astronomy purposes.

It is time to educate the younger generations. It is time to grow with the world and show them Hawaii is the leader of exploration of the skies.

Fengchuan Liu, Ph.D. is a great leader of the word in all his work.

Thank you,

[Jeff Gray](#)

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[EXTERNAL] (updated) AGENDA ITEM IX - Nov 13, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Trustees

From Ruth Coules [REDACTED]

Date Thu 11/13/2025 10:10 AM

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

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

My name is Ruth Leinani Coules. While I now live in Kaimuki on Oahu, my Kanaka 'Ōiwi great-grandmother (Maikewe Kawaha) was from Ka'u. She helped raise my father and the stories of his childhood in Kalihi were colored by her experiences as a keiki. Tales of Madam Pele who frightened and fascinated them both, na manō who were their ohana's aumakua, and the first time she saw a haole. What Tutu Lady left for me to discover was her signature on the Ku'e Petition. On September 11, 1897, my 20-year-old, newly married great-grandmother signed her name on a petition to say that she did "earnestly protest against the annexation of the said Hawaiian Islands to the United States of America in any form or shape."

I am writing to you 128 years later as a member of Hui Aloha 'Āina o Honolulu, the same hui that organized the Ku'e Petition. I ask that you keep Maikewe, my great-grandfather Benni Kaai from Kailua-Kona who also signed the Ku'e petition, and the other 21,000 plus Hawaiian Nationals in your hearts and minds as you deliberate over the fate of Maunakea. Their intentions for the mauna of Hawai'i would never have included their desecration. It has been acknowledged that it was hewa to build the "smaller" telescopes on conservation lands. Decommissioning a site is moving towards rectifying the damage done. Building a new telescope in the same place is to yell to the lahui and the world, "We have learned nothing. We care not at all for Hawai'i or her people or the land."

It is disappointing but not surprising to me that the Governor and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation have written a letter saying they are willing to work with (YOU) the MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with a decommissioned site". They are bringing an American perspective to a matter of Hawaiian 'āina. They are bringing a bag of money when they've been invited to ho'opono'pono. They can say the words but will never understand what it means to be aloha 'āina.

This is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the San Francisco Call. It was written by a reporter who happened to be there when Mrs. Campbell spoke to the crowd of women in Ka'u as they waited for their turn to sign the petition.

"Stand firm, my friends. Love of country means more to you and to me than anything else. Be brave; be strong. Have courage and patience. Our time will come."

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to *Be brave; be strong. Have courage and patience*. Resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

Mahalo for your time,

Ruth Leinani Coules



 Ruth



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] TMT

From Regina Gregory [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 10:13 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

We do not want the TMT anywhere on the mauna.

Thank you
Regina Gregory

[EXTERNAL] Testimony to MKSOA regarding November 14 Meeting

From Jane P Perry [REDACTED]
Date Thu 11/13/2025 10:52 AM
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Dear MKSOA Board,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy with everything you need. I hope my testimony may be included in the Board's consideration.

I am a retired Researcher and Teacher with the University of California, Berkeley and a supporter of sacred Mauna Kea. I honor the culture and religious ways and cosmology of Native Hawai'i kīa, holding the combined living spirit of plants, animals, water, humans, histories, and events with a deep responsibility to reciprocate and protect all beings.

I am deeply grateful to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority for your protection of Mauna Kea and for sharing of the Governor and Hawai'i congressional delegation's recent letter proposing to build the TMT on Mauna Kea. I request that you 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.

As a Educator devoting my life's work to promoting the health and safety of children, it is my humble honor to stand in recognition of the emotional, mental, spiritual, cultural, and physical impact of securing that Mauna Kea always be protected. I honor Native Hawai'i kīa and the community they thrive in and their successive generations. The TMT should not be built on Mauna Kea.

Thank you for receiving and reading my comment and may you be safe and well.

Jane Putnam Perry, Ph.D.
Retired Researcher and Teacher
University of California Berkeley Harold E. Jones Child Study Center
[REDACTED]

[EXTERNAL] Apologies for milimili e

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

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Tammy Harp. I would like to suggest that options be kept open to concepts of having no observatories on the Mauna. Designated as a science reserve, well, what is Mauna Kea's role in regards to climate change?

It is okay to holoholo talk story and leave the management of what is and what isn't in the conversation on how to malama the Mauna.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Tammy Harp