

## Testimony 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 Lani Alo, and I am [a resident of The Kingdom of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiian, ki'a'i standing in solidarity from Nānākuli, 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,

Lani Alo

Ahupua'a o Nānākuli, moku o O'ahu



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[EXTERNAL] NO TMT

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From Jonmarie Kerns [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:40 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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HEAR OUR VOICES !!!

Jonmarie Kerns  
[REDACTED]

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

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From Brandon Thompson [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 3:52 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Brandon Fernandez-Thompson and I am a resident of Big Island Hawaii for over 12 years. 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've been practicing and praying in Hawaiian ceremonies led by different Kumu Kānaka Maoli on Mauna Kea such as Lanakila Manguika, Kalakolehua Kanaele, and Kekuhi Kanaka'ole, and Pua Case for many years and we strongly oppose this stubborn and continued effort to construct the Thirty Meter Telescope or any version of it.



**'A'ole TMT. N TMT anywhere** n Mauna Ke .

Mahalo for your t me and cons derat on  
Brandon Fernandez-Thompson



**[EXTERNAL] No TMT on Mauna Kea**

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**From** Avi Okin [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 3:54 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Dear people,

First of all, let me reiterate that while Mauna Kea may be an ideal site for astronomical study, I find it is superfluous for any more fixed telescopic sights. It has enough footprints on it already and many are reaching their terminal point of use. They are difficult to remove, ridiculously expensive, and have a very limited time of operation. Another enormous structure would further destroy the mountain as well as be nearly impossible to remove. Plus satellite sites offer a better viewing platform than earth-based locations.

I think that there is no rational the reason to establish that TMT telescope on Mauna Kea. Please do not permit it to happen.

Mahalo,

Avi Okin

Kamuela, Hawai'i  
aniko65@live.com

Sent from my iPad

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

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From Heather Christianson [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 4:16 PM

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

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

My name is Heather Christianson and I am a resident of Moku o Keawe / born and raised in Hawai'i / a supporter standing in solidarity from Puna. 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,

Heather Christanson

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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From Maya Balsimo [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 4:17 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Maya Balsimo and I am a resident of Waikoloa, Hawaii a Native Hawaiian, businesses owner and voting member society . 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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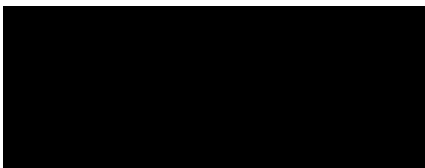
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Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Maya Anuheia Balsimo



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From Denise Lefiti [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 4:29 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Denise L. Lefiti and I am a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. I am a Native Hawaiian and a strong supporter standing in solidarity from Hilo, Hawaii. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

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

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From HolyElk Lafferty [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 4:32 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is HolyElk Lafferty, and I am a member of the Lakota Oyate, from the Oceti Sakowin territories in South Dakota standing in solidarity from Minneapolis, MN. 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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H IyElk Lafferty



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From nyx taylor [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 4:59 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Cameron Taylor and I am a resident of Ferndale Michigan. 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  
Cameron Taylor  
Ferndale, Michigan

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From Kealani Loveless [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 5:00 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Ke I n N mah e Loveless and I'm Native Hawaiian. I'm 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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Kealani Namahoe Loveless

[EXTERNAL] 'A'ole TMT

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From Malia Marquez [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 5:03 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Komeji and the Mauna Kea Stewardship Oversight Authority,

Once again, here we are. It feels like a broken record that has been turning for years. I don't know what I can say that hasn't already been said?

The majority has spoken. NO TMT anywhere on Mauna Ā Wākea, period? You've seen the support our Mauna received from countries all around the world, you've seen how kanaka and non-kanaka gathered at Mauna ā Wākea to protect her, how our people unified and organized a "working" hui with safety measures, education and food distribution while occupying 'āina for the protection of Mauna ā Wākea.

I dont think we need to repeat the reasons why we do not want TMT there? But here we go,

1. Mauna ā Wākea is home to iwi kupuna, it is our sacred space, OUR church.
2. Mauna ā Wākea feeds water to our people.
3. Mauna ā Wākea is home to our native species and birds.
4. Mauna ā Wākea's ecosystem is irreplaceable.
5. Mauna ā Wākea has protected US through many storms threatening our islands, WHY are we not doing everything in our power to protect her!

We could go on and on WHY we do not want TMT on Mauna ā Wākea. Some things in life are priceless, you cannot put a price tag on our sacred Mauna, no amount of money or clout to observe the unknown is worth the desecration and harm to Mauna ā Wākea.

I urge you to resist the excessive overreach by Governor Green and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of our Mauna ā Wākea.

Mahalo for your time on this critical issue.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Lum-Kawaihoa Marquez  
Mai Maunalua mai au.

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**[EXTERNAL] Public Testimony re: MKSOA Agenda Item E**

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**From** Kylie Borges [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 5:11 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

**My** name is **Kylie** and I'm a kanaka currently living in California, but call Hawai'i home and still have family, including my parents, living on the Big Island.

I'm writing to you today to implore you, the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA), to resist the excessive overreach by Gov. Josh Green and follow a process that ensures transparency, accountability, and full alignment with all applicable laws and pono principles in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea.

I remember writing so many letters and making so many phone calls to elected officials the first time they tried to build TMT and when I still lived on the Big Island. I begged repeatedly for them to make them stop destroying the 'āina and build it at any of the other locations that were available, outside of Hawai'i. I'm so frustrated to see the efforts of all of the Kū Kia'i Mauna activists being challenged, once again, to build a telescope. What's more, is it appears that Gov. Greene is having closed door meetings and making agreements about land without input from kanaka and the broader community in Hawai'i. This is not only lacking transparency, but it is also unethical. The Hawaiian kingdom and the 'āina were all historically stolen through shady backdoor deals with non-kanaka people, and it is not okay that this continues today.

I'm a huge fan of higher education, technology, and science. I love seeing all the amazing photos of space and learning about what's in the universe. But as a kanaka, I'm most definitely not a fan of the way the state continues to (mis)handle the 'āina. We as humans can still learn about space and science using existing telescope technology—including what can be launched into space directly. There is no valuable enough return on investment to justify the continued desecration of sacred lands for the sake of a telescope. There is no good enough reason in the UNIVERSE to justify the utter, and frankly disrespectful, disregarding of all the hard work that went into the GLOBAL No TMT movement, including the activism, the arrests of our kupuna, the lawsuits, etc.

**Tell** TMT to go build their telescope at any of the other locations they got approved outside of Hawai'i, cuz Hawai'i has never—and still does not- want TMT.

Please do the right thing and block TMT from being built in Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui for your time and thoughtful consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Kylie B.





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**[EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for Nov. 13, 2025 MKSOA Meeting – Agenda Items VI.E and IX (Ronnie Inagaki)**

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**From** Ronnie Inagaki [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 5:16 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>  
**Cc** Ronnie Inagaki [REDACTED]

 1 attachment (144 KB)

Written Testimony to MKSOA - Agenda Item E-Meeting 11.13.15.pdf;

Aloha Chair Komeiji and Members of the MKSOA Board,

Please accept the attached written testimony and one-page Findings of Law Addendum for inclusion in the record for the MKSOA Board meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025 (Agenda Items VI.E and IX). I will also deliver a three-minute oral statement at the meeting, in addition to this written submission.

What the attached testimony requests

- Affirm MKSOA’s independent authority to design and adopt any “decommissioned-site” permitting procedure, and to adjudicate applications without Executive direction.
- Proceed by formal rulemaking for any such procedure, with clear criteria and Hawai’i Island hearings.
- Require HHCA-compliant authorization and documented beneficiary consultation before docketing any application that relies on MKAR’s DHHL segment (and verify land tenure and access/utility rights up front).
- Disclose the status of Act 14 roads/highways compensation and condition any approvals on HHCA compliance and any court-ordered trust-restoration remedies.
- Integrate structured cultural consultation and align state–federal reviews without shortcutting HHCA duties.

Key authorities cited in the testimony

- Governor’s Oct. 24, 2025 letter: commits the Administration to “work with” MKSOA and UH to “promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure” for permits at a decommissioned site and to “define the key steps...[and] an anticipated timeline.”
- Hawai’i Supreme Court (MKAR decision, May 30, 2024): “We hold (1) Act 14 of 1995 does not preclude Plaintiffs’ claims; (2) the portion of the MKAR going through DHHL lands is not a state highway...; and (3) the State blatantly disregarded unambiguous requirements of the [HHCA] ... and in doing so, breached its constitutional and fiduciary obligation to faithfully carry out the HHCA.”



Attachments

- Testimony\_MKSOA\_MKAR\_Addendum.pdf (Written testimony + one-page Findings of Law Addendum). Sources are cited in my attached testimony.

Please confirm receipt and inclusion of my testimony in the public record for Agenda Items VI.E and IX.

Mahalo for your time and service.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ronnie Inagaki



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Written Testimony to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA)

Date: November 11, 2025

MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (MKSOA) BOARD MEETING  
688 Kono'ia Street #212  
Honolulu HI 96720

#### MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 10:00 am**

**In person at 640 N. A'ohōkū Place, Hilo, HI**

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**To:** Chair and Members of the MKSOA Board  
to [mka.test.mony@hawaii.gov](mailto:mka.test.mony@hawaii.gov).

**From:** Ronn Inagaki [REDACTED]

**Subject:**

- Agenda Item: VI. Administration, E. Letter to Principals of Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory (TIO) Dated October 24, 2025, from Governor Green and Hawai'i Congressional Delegation [Refer to Item IX.]
- IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION -Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items
  - A. INFORMATION ONLY -Understanding Permitting Process Regarding Application for Use of Decommissioned Site – Christopher Daggett

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### I. Introduction

Aloha Chair Komej and Members of the Authority,

I submit this testimony to call attention to executive overreach that threatens MKSOA's statutory independence and the integrity of Maunakea's stewardship. The Governor's October 24, 2025, letter to the Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory (TIO) commits the Administration to "work with" MKSOA and UH to "promptly establish a clear and transparent procedure" for permits and commission decisions, including "define the key steps and requirements of the permitting process" and "an anticipated timeline." While process clarity is welcome, MKSOA, not the Executive, must design and adopt any such procedure, and must adjudicate applications independently.

Separately, the Hawai'i Supreme Court's decision regarding the Maunakea Access Road (MKAR) is controlling: "We hold (1) Act 14 of 1995 does not preclude Plaintiffs' claims; (2) the portion of the MKAR going through DHHL lands is not a state highway because legal requirements for such a designation were not satisfied; and (3) the State blatantly disregarded unambiguous requirements of the [HHCA] ... and in doing so, breached its constitutional and fiduciary obligation to faithfully carry out the HHCA."

These holdings must inform any MKSOA process that relies on MKAR or other DHHL trust lands.

- Agenda Item: VI. Administration, E. Letter to Principals of Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory (TIO) Dated October 24, 2025, from Governor Green and Hawai'i Congressional Delegation [Refer to Item IX.]

## II. MKSOA's independent role and Executive letter context

The Governor's letter frames an Executive-led role in "promptly" establishing a permitting procedure and "delineating key steps" and timelines for decommissioned sites.

MKSOA should welcome interagency coordination, but must lead and own any rulemaking, schedules, criteria, and adjudication to avoid improper direction or pre-judgment.

### II-A. Legal context: MKAR (Hawai'i Supreme Court, 2024)

- "The portion of the MKAR going through DHHL and is not a state highway because it requires for such designation will not satisfy it."
- "The State blatantly disregarded unambiguous requirements of the HHCA ... and in doing so, breached its constitutional and fiduciary obligation to faithfully carry out the HHCA"; DHHL also erred by relinquishing control without beneficiary consultation and compliance with HHCA and 43 C.F.R. Part 47.
- "Act 14 of 1995 does not preclude Plaintiffs' claims"; the Court vacated judgment for the State and directed entry of summary judgment for Plaintiffs; and or monetary relief may restore the trust.

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## III. Documented Executive overreach: the Oct. 24, 2025 letter

Specific statements evidencing overreach into MKSOA process design:

- Usurpation of process design: "The Governor and appropriate officials in his Administration will work with the Board of [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."
- Defining steps and timeline: "This effort will involve careful planning and coordination to define the key steps and requirements of the permitting process, including both administrative and legal procedures, as well as anticipated timeline..."
- Advocacy for specific project: "We look forward to working with TIO ... and the success of this project."

Executive commitments cannot supersede HHCA duties or the Supreme Court's MKAR ruling that the DHHL's management "is not a state highway," and that any disposition or control shift requires HHCA-compliant action and beneficiary consultation. Process "help" from the Executive cannot direct MKSOA to rely on unlawful access or encumber DHHL trust lands.

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#### **IV. MKAR as a threshold constraint on any Mauna Kea process**

- Jurisdiction and status: MKAR’s DHHL segment is not a state highway; DOT’s 2018 designation and the 2019 joint statement asserting DOT control in tandem with HHCA and breached fiduciary duties.
  - Long-term requests for any permit or process rely on access to DHHL trust lands (including the MKAR segment), the applicant must demonstrate HHCA-compliant authorization (e.g., DHHL disposition/sale/exchange/lease with Interior approval) and documented beneficial consultation consistent with 43 C.F.R. Part 47.
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#### **V. Demands for Corrective Action**

To protect MKSOA’s independence and ensure strict legal compliance

##### **Independence and transparency**

- Publicly affirm MKSOA’s exclusive authority over process and decisions; disclose any Executive communications regarding permit procedures, timelines, or outcomes.

##### **Formal rulemaking for any “decommissioned-site” pathway**

- Integrate rulemaking with published drafts, clear criteria, Hawaiian Island hearings, and meaningful comment; MKSOA must adopt any rules and timelines.

##### **HHCA-compliant access before docketing**

- Do not accept or process any application relying on MKAR’s DHHL segment unless the applicant documents a lawful HHCA disposition (e.g., DHHL sale/exchange/lease with Secretary approval) and beneficial consultation under 43 C.F.R. Part 47; assertions of DOT jurisdiction cannot substitute for HHCA compliance.

##### **Land tenure documentation**

- Require certified chain-of-title and access/utility opinion and then proposed HHCA disposition path (with consultation and Interior approval milestones) before docketing.

##### **Disclose and condition**

- Publicly disclose the status of roads/highways compensation under Act 14 and condition any approval on proof of HHCA-compliant authorization and alignment with any trust-restoration remedy ordered by the courts.

##### **Cultural consultation integration**

- Require early, structured, and ongoing consultation with Native Hawaiian beneficiaries and cultural practitioners and show how it informs scoping, criteria, mitigation, and decisions.

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## Align state and federal reviews without shortcutting HHCA

- If federal funding is involved, coordinate NEPA/Section 106 with MKSOA's process; do not subordinate HHCA fiduciary duties, beneficiary consultation, or Secretary approval to federal timelines.

## Ex parte/conflict-of-interest safeguards

- Adopt independent resolution; required disclosure of ex parte communications; ensure neutrality acts as both disinterested adjudicator in these matters.

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## VI. Conclusion

The Executive's Oct. 24, 2025, letter evidences improper non-merit MKSOA's process design. MKSOA must assert its independence and apply the Supreme Court's MKAR holdings that DHHL's management of MKAR is not state highway; HHCA compliance and beneficiary consultation prerequisites for any reliance on DHHL trust funds.

The attached one-page Findings of Law Addendum summarizes the controlling requirements for the Board's ready use.

Maka'o for your attention and for your commitment to the rule of law and the people of Hawai'i.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Ronnie Inagaki

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## Findings of Law Addendum re: Mauna Kea Access Road (MKAR) and DHHL Trust Lands

### Purpose:

To anchor the testimony in controlling Hawai'i Supreme Court precedents regarding prerequisites before a permit or process runs on the Mauna Kea Access Road (MKAR) or other DHHL trust lands.

#### A) Controlling holdings (direct quotes)

- “We hold (1) Act 14 of 1995 does not preclude Plaintiffs’ claims.”
- “(2) the portion of the MKAR going through DHHL lands is not a state highway because legal requirements for such a designation were not satisfied.”
- “And (3) the State blatantly disregarded unambiguous requirements of the [HHCA] ... and in doing so, breached its constitutional fiduciary obligation to faithfully carry out the HHCA.”

#### B) HHCA process requirements (as applied by the Court)

- Hawaiian homelands “shall ... be under the control of the department to be used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of [the HHCA]” (HHCA § 204(a)); removal/transfer only via sale or exchange by DHHL with approval of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior (HHCA §§ 204(a)(3), 205) and beneficiary consultation consistent with 43 C.F.R. Part 47.

#### C) MKAR-specific facts and legal effects

- 2018 internal DOT designation and 2019 joint statement asserting DOT control were unlawful as to the DHHL segment; that segment “is not a state highway.”
- The 2018 designation “triggered new claims” outside Act 14’s scope; the State’s action “created an effective taking” sufficient to trigger HHCA protections even though fee title did not transfer.
- As of 2019, roads/highways compensation under Act 14 remains outstanding (approx. 346,203 acres); the Legislative Commission’s working group report remained unsubmitted as of January 2024.

#### D) Relief posture and effect

- The Court vacated judgment for the State and directed entry of summary judgment for Plaintiffs.
- Courts may award land or monetary damages “to restore the [HHCA] trust” for post-2018 breaches, and prospective declaratory/injunctive relief is available.

#### E) Implications for MKSOA process and permitting

- Lawful access prerequisite: No permit or approval may rely on MKAR’s DHHL segment unless the applicant demonstrates HHCA-compliant authorization (e.g., DHHL sale/exchange/lease with Secretary approval) and documented beneficiary consultation consistent with 43 C.F.R. Part 47.
- DHHL control assertions of DOT jurisdiction cannot substitute for HHCA compliance; DHHL retains control absent a lawful HHCA disposition.

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- Condition and sequencing: Any application must document HHCA-compliant access rights; construction, access, or utilities across MKAR's DHHL segment should be conditioned on proof of those rights and aligned with any trust-restoration remedies ordered by the courts.
- Execution and implementation: While the Governor's letter directs to "promptly establish clear and transparent procedures" for decommissioned-site permits, MKSOA must identify and adopt any procedure and promptly apply to ensure strict conformity with the MKAR ruling and HHCA requirements.

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[EXTERNAL] TMT

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**From** Rudy [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 5:17 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

I am Rudolf Kok, a resident of Hilo. I'm writing to express my strong objection to building any more telescopes on Mauna Kea, especially one the size of TMT. This project amounts to building a large industrial complex on a pristine mountaintop. This structure would not be allowed to be built anywhere else on the island. Additionally, we all know this is a revered and sacred area for the native Hawaiians and their objections should be listened to.

Thank you, Rudolf Kok

Sent from my iPad

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**[EXTERNAL] Tmt on Mauna Kea**

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**From** Mary [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 5:31 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

I am writing to express my disagreement to any new telescopes on MaunaKea, especially one the size of Tmt. It is time to listen to the majority of Hawaiians and collective voices from around the world who do not agree with building the Tmt on Mauna Kea, a sacred mountain. It is my understanding that there are close to 500,000

Signatures against the Tmt on Mauna Kea. Nothing is worth the desecration of our aina.

For too long the real voices of the people have been ignored.As a resident of Moku o Keawe I would like nothing better than to see our Representatives listen to the people of this Aina instead of corporations. It is my understanding that the land on the Mauna is owned by the Hawaiian people and is supposed to be protected.Didn't all the peoples from Hawaii, the Pacific and around the world numbering in the thousands, protesting against the Tmt, in 2019,

get the message through that we do not want Tmt, and any more desecration to the Aina.

Mahalo,

Mary Haaheo Kok

To: Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority members

From: Momilani Naughton, Ph.D.

Date: November 11, 2025

RE: Item IX – TMT

Aloha,

I was very saddened and confused to see the October 24, 2025 letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i congressional delegation that seems to imply that there is some community consensus on building the TMT on Mauna Kea on a "disturbed site" on this sacred mountain. I thought the majority of the community had made known that we are firmly against the construction of the TMT on any portion on Mauna Kea.

I feel we, on Hawai'i Island, are being forced into making choices that will be detrimental to our land and our futures under the guise of "national security," the advancement of science and other ploys. As a retired employee of the University of Hawai'i, I find it tragic that that institution must rely so heavily on the military and other questionable sources to support research programs.

The Governor's letter is vague and offers no explanation on the work done by TIO Project Manager Liu's supposed engagement with "over 1,500 community members." It is unclear if the attachment "Community Talk Story Preliminary Findings" document a result of these meetings? If not, where are the notes and feedback on these community meeting that Manager Liu conducted?

The letter sounds as if the building of the TMT is a forgone conclusion and that the only obstacle is getting through the permitting process.

I am voicing my objection to the Governor and congressional delegation's letter and, indeed, any movement to push the TMT project forward.

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

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From Shani Anderson [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 5:43 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

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

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

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

I urge the MKSOA to:

1. **Reject** any proposal to construct or relocate TMT **anywhere** on Mauna Kea.
2. Prioritize the **protection** and **restoration** of Mauna Kea's summit and ecosystems.
3. Uphold the **principle of Kānaka Maoli stewardship** and ensure full community participation in all decision-making processes.

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

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Shani Anderson  
Kea'au, Hawai'i

**[EXTERNAL] RE: TMT Construction on Mauna Kea**

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**From** Melissa Jones [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 5:48 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha My name is Meroë Johari. I am a resident of Hawai'i Island.

The location where UH has been permitted to build TMT on Mauna Kea needs to be reclassified to the highest level of land conservation and protection.

Then it would be necessary to revoke its permits and halt construction to preserve the priceless historic and culturally sacred site that has been entrusted to Kanaka Maoli in perpetuity by their government preceding its illegal overthrow enacted by the United States of America.

I am a local resident and interested party in this matter because my allegiance lies with the indigenous people's lawful and righteous assertions that the ecological and cultural damages that may come with this project far outweigh the potential scientific or monetary advancements it may produce.

Every effort should be made by all capable and willing people of authority to preserve this land for future generations.

It could take thousands of years for potential irreversible damage to manifest in the aquifer for example, but the human rights to life, liberty and unlawful control would be under attack every day for Native Hawaiians and other concerned individuals every time they'd look upon Mauna Kea blemished with a 98 foot telescope in the name of science. The academic industrial complex seems to frequently sacrifice the will of the people in exchange for private investments, specialized intellectual property, and a perceived attainment of technological excellence.

We can't ignore what's right in front of us in the pursuit of a glimpse at faraway celestial objects. We only have one earth with limited land and resources. A halt of the TMT is an opportunity to advance astronomy in new exciting ways that will not involve destroying sacred places.

I implore you all to use every tool at your disposal to protect the land as well as its people, who are each other's life lines.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item IX

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From Josie Brody [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 5:53 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Josie Brody. My connection to Maunakea is as a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands who stands with the Hawaiian people and the principles for the protection of the lands.

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

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

During previous contested case hearings, UH/TMT previously stated the TMT could not be put on decommissioned sites because it's 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 a 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 traditions 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 mountains, our water, and the dignity of our people.

Thank you for your time,

Josie Brody

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

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From Spencer Kelly [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:03 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Spencer Kelly and I am a resident of Captain Cook, Hawaii. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i, and for generations this 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 no consultation with Native Hawaiians. These projects have already caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

I urge the MKSOA to:

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

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

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.



Spencer Kelly

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Freelance Creative Director

  
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[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item IX

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From Mahina Kaomea [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:06 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Mahina Komeji. I am Kanaka Maoli and Maunakea Wākele's my ancestor.

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're elected to represent states that they will work with the MKSOA and U 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 Ki'ai Mauna.

During previous contested case hearings, U / TMT previously stated the TMT could not be put on decommissioned sites because it's 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 a 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 Hei 'āina nānā. It is not just 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,  
Mahina Kaomea

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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 [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:08 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Sarah Grossman, and I am a supporter standing in solidarity from Tampa, Florida. 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,

Sarah Grossman

Tampa, Florida

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

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From Malia Osorio [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:09 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

**Alohanui kākou.**

O wau nō o Malia Osorio. I am a Kanaka Maoli mother, educator, aloha 'āina, and kia'i mauna. Like every kanaka, Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor.

My love for our lāhui carried me to Maunakea in the summer of 2019 to stand with our people and protect our mountain from further desecration under the proposed construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope. It was on the slopes of Maunakea, within the powerful pu'uhonua of Pu'uhuluhulu, that I truly became a kia'i. Laying my body upon the mauna in prayer, I was met with an aloha and conviction beyond comprehension. I owe my life, and the life of my beautiful 'ohana, to this mauna.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is profoundly disappointing and deeply disturbing. Addressed to the TMT International Observatory—**not** to the people they were elected to serve—it promises 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.”

Let us be clear: while the proposed construction site may have shifted, nothing else has changed. The summit remains a conservation district—the sacred source waters that sustain all life below. Kanaka Maoli have never consented to the desecration of our stolen national lands through the construction of existing or future telescopes or their auxiliary buildings. Our people continue to wait, with steadfast patience, for the full return of our lands and the lawful decommissioning of all existing telescopes. Any proposal to extend or expand construction through new leases deepens this desecration and violates both legal and ethical obligations. The call that echoes across the pae 'āina remains unwavering: **Kū Kia'i Mauna.**

During previous contested case hearings, UH and TMT themselves stated that the TMT could not be built on decommissioned sites because it was too large for the summit. If TMT is now to be redesigned to fit, then **all** permits must be redone—conservation district, sublease, EIS, management plan—and all public processes must be reopened accordingly.

This letter aligns disturbingly with a broader pattern across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations meet behind closed doors, bump fists, and conspire to override the will and peace of our communities. I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and

Oversight Authority to **resist this overreach** by the Governor and congressional delegation—an attempt to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

I remind the Authority: the summit of Maunakea is not only sacred—it is Hawaiian national land. These are lands the Hawaiian Kingdom government and people never relinquished. Asserting our collective authority to protect our 'āina is an expression of our continuing **Ea Hawai'i**—our life, our sovereignty, our breath. And I say this with clarity and aloha: should the governor or any other authority attempt to move forward with the desecration of our mauna, I will return. I will return with my children—children conceived and born from this very movement—and we will stand again, for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our waters, and the dignity of our people.

**Kū Kia'i Mauna**

Malia Osorio

**[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item IX**

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**From** Mila Goldsmith [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 6:09 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Mila. I am a resident of Keolu, and I stand firmly with the Hawaiian people and the councils for the protection of Maunakea and their lands.

I am very disappointed in the October 24th letter from Governor Josh Green and the Hawai'i Congress on Delegation. Despite years of opposition from not only the Hawaiian people but also hundreds of thousands of people in solidarity to protect Maunakea, the letter demonstrates an intent to ignore the overwhelming objections of the Hawaiian community and other residents of the island.

I strongly urge the MKSOA to listen to the wishes of the entire community and resist this latest overreach by the governor and congressional delegates who are attempting to force the approval of TMT.

Thank you for your time,

Mila Goldsmith

**[EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea**

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**From** Pua O Eleili Pinto [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 6:11 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha kākou,

**My name is PuaOEleili Pinto and I am a concerned human being who stands in opposition to the continued industrialization of Maunakea through the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). I oppose any project that disregards the health of the land, water, and spiritual integrity of this sacred mountain.**

The University of Hawai'i has been the steward of Maunakea for over **50 years**, during which time the summit has suffered numerous environmental harms, including toxic spills, chemical leaks, and mismanagement. These incidents have already proven that high-tech developments are not compatible with the fragile ecosystems and sacred nature of this place.

If smaller telescopes have already caused contamination and irreversible damage, why would we continue to build an even larger one? The cumulative impact has already exceeded what Maunakea can sustain.

While it may be true that Maunakea provides a clear view into the heavens, we must also ask: *At what cost?* Do these telescopes benefit the health of the mountain, its waters, or its people? The answer, repeatedly, has been no. It is not safe to place more industrial infrastructure atop Hawai'i Island's largest aquifer—our primary source of fresh water.

I urge you to stop any further construction of telescopes on Maunakea and to begin the process of decommissioning existing ones. The future of Hawai'i depends on restoring balance, not expanding exploitation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Kū Kia'i Mauna

PuaOEleili Pinto



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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 Lily Engle [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:11 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Lily Engle. I am a non-Hawaiian resident of Hawaii whose ancestors came to Hawaii to work on plantations across the pae 'āina in the 19th and 20th centuries. I believe in protecting and affirming the integrity and sovereign decision making of the Hawaiian people.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawaiian Congressional Delegation is both 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 clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with decommissioned sites”.

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains conserved and the source waters fall if that depends on it from below. The refrain of thousands across the pae 'āina remains “Kū Kā' 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 move through with transparency integrity and attempt to roll over the will and peace of the community despite our ongoing calls for communication, respect, and for our voices to be heard.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea. We are here in full presence for Maunakea and will continue to staunchly stand by for the absence of any TMT on those lands.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are Hawaiian ancestral lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government and people never relinquished. I personally commit to standing



again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect the mountain, waters, and sacred agency of the  
H n pe ple.

Thank you for your time,

Lily Engle

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[EXTERNAL] Written testimony submission regarding agenda item IX

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From Kailani Chu [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:13 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Kailani Chu, and I was born and raised in O'ahu, a resident of Keolu.

I am strongly opposed to the October 24th letter from Governor Josh Green and the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation. It is obvious to any observer that after years of resistance against TMT, the community across our islands firmly opposed to the TMT project. Simply finding an alternate site for the telescope does not address the real grievances of the Hawaiian community and other island residents.

The hasty attempt to force approval in this issue makes complete mockery of the thousands and thousands of community members who have made clear their opposition to TMT. Instead of listening to community feedback and testimony, UH/TMT has decided that the interests of U.S. funded agencies and academics who have no connection to Hawaii trumps that of our residents.

I urge the MKSOA to resist this overreach by the governor and congressional delegates to force the approval of TMT against the wishes of the entire community.

Kailani Chu

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

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From Leilani Crow [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:18 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Leilani Crow 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.

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 participation 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  
Leilani Crow  
San Antonio, TX



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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 Wren Patton [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:20 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Wren Patton. My connection to Maunakea is as a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands who stands with the Hawaiian people and their calls for the protection of their lands.

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 U 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 Pacific remains Kū Kū Maunakea.

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 disturbing. Ignoring that so much is being done across U.S.-occupied territories, here 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 ancestral lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished. If called to do so I personally commit to standing for as long as it takes to protect the mountain, the water, and the dignity of the Hawaiian people.

Thank you for your time,

Wren Patton  
Honolulu, HI 96814

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[EXTERNAL] Re: **Testimony in Opposition to the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea**

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From Pua O Eleili Pinto [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:27 PM  
To **Maunakea Authority Testimony** <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha can you please add this updated version to my testimony

Aloha kākou,

My name is PuaOEleili Pinto and I am testifying in strong opposition to Governor Josh Green's memorandum and proposed settlement with the U.S. Army regarding the use of lands on Pohakuloa and relocating TMT on Maunakea and other areas in Hawai'i.

Governor Green does **not have the legal authority** to enter into any settlement or agreement concerning **Crown and Government Lands**, which are part of the **Hawaiian Kingdom's national lands** — not property owned by the State of Hawai'i. These lands are held in **public trust** for the benefit of Native Hawaiians and the lāhui.

The governor's attempt to negotiate directly with federal agencies for the continuation or expansion of military use on these lands is a violation of both the **Hawai'i State Constitution** and **public trust law**. It bypasses the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), which has **legal fiduciary responsibility** over these lands as established under Article XII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

OHA must be a **decision-making party** in any legal, environmental, or policy process concerning Crown or Government Lands, including Maunakea and Pōhakuōloa. The exclusion of OHA — and by extension, the Hawaiian people — from these backdoor agreements demonstrates the continued **colonial management of stolen lands** under the guise of "state authority."

Governor Green's actions disregard the ongoing harm of occupation, militarization, and desecration of sacred 'āina. Maunakea has already suffered decades of environmental and spiritual damage under telescope construction and contamination. Now, the proposed federal settlement threatens to **cement permanent military and state control** over lands that were never theirs to give away.

I call for a **complete halt** to any settlement or negotiation that involves Crown or Government Lands until:

- OHA and Native Hawaiian beneficiaries are **formally included** in decision-making,
- and the question of rightful ownership and jurisdiction over Hawaiian national lands is **legally and transparently addressed**.

Mahalo  
PuaOEleili Pinto  
OHA Beneficiary

On Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 6:10PM Pua O Eleili Pinto <[puaoeleili@gmail.com](mailto:puaoeleili@gmail.com)> wrote:

Aloha kākou,

My name is PuaEleili Pinto and I am a concerned human being who stands in opposition to the continued industrialization of Maunakea through the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). I oppose any project that disregards the health of the land, water, and spiritual integrity of this sacred mountain.

The University of Hawai'i has been the steward of Maunakea for over **50 years**, during which time the summit has suffered numerous environmental harms, including toxic spills, chemical leaks, and mismanagement. These incidents have already proven that high-tech developments are not compatible with the fragile ecosystems and sacred nature of this place.

If smaller telescopes have already caused contamination and irreversible damage, why would we continue to build an even larger one? The cumulative impact has already exceeded what Maunakea can sustain.

While it may be true that Maunakea provides a clear view into the heavens, we must also ask: *At what cost?* Do these telescopes benefit the health of the mountain, its waters, or its people? The answer, repeatedly, has been no. It is not safe to place more industrial infrastructure atop Hawai'i Island's largest aquifer—our primary source of fresh water.

I urge you to stop any further construction of telescopes on Maunakea and to begin the process of decommissioning existing ones. The future of Hawai'i depends on restoring balance, not expanding exploitation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Kū Kia'i Mauna

PuaEleili Pinto



**[EXTERNAL] Protect Maunakea**

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**From** Joy A Loo [REDACTED]

**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 6:28 PM

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

Aloha. My name is Joy Loo. I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii Island. I am a kanaka daughter, wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother. And I am against building the tmt on Maunakea. I oppose the building of anything on Maunakea. Please show respect for the communities of Hawaii, allow us our due process, so that accountability & transparency in all applicable laws are maintained. Do not allow Josh Green to make unilateral decisions that negate any work that your Maunakea Stewardship & Oversight Authority do. Please.

Mahalo

Joy A Loo  
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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item VIII

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From Kaliko Kalāhiki [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:32 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

I am Kaliko Kalāhiki, a member of the Kūkiʻāʻiōiwi Commission, and one of the most sacred places in the pae ʻāina.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawaiʻi Congressional delegation is highly disrespectful 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 of wai that feeds into the island's main aquifer. Any continuation of the construction of TMT on Maunakea's summit is and vehemently opposes the well-being of Hawaiʻi island and all who are connected to it. The refrain of thousands across the pae ʻāina remains Kūkiʻāi 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 disturbing. Ignoring the 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 traditions 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,  
K I koonāmaukūpun Kalāh k

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony for Mauna Kea

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From gayle kaio [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:33 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Welina mai ke akua, nā ali'i,  
nā kupuna, nā 'ohana hawai'i  
ano'ai

O Kahalelana Kaio ko'u inoa  
i hānau au ma ka mokupuni o Kakuhihewa. Ua noho au i ke kulana kauhale i Papakolea me ko'u mau  
ohana.

I hope ua ne'e au me ka'u kane i ka moku o Keawe. I keia manawa e noho au i La'iohua i Kealahou

E kala mai, ko'u 'olelo hawai'i  
hema hema.

Request 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.

Ko'u mana'o a pilina i ka mauna

My awareness for native hawaiian rights started with the water wars in Waiahole Waiakane,  
Kalama Valley. The arrests of ohana at Waimanlo.

Then Kahoolawe, hokulea.

My very first protest was against Geothermal  
not an active participant but still keeping up with news

Upon learning that my great grandfather, william punohuaweoweoulaokalani white. and joseph nawahi  
were co-authors with mo'i wahine, Liliuokalani, in opposition to the bayonet constitution, inspired me  
more than ever to actively participate in the protest on the mauna in 2019. The gathering of kanaka oiwi  
and others from far away countries and the continent, it was an incredible feeling in the fight for  
indigenous  
rights. That connection for me is something i will always remember

Over the years, the constant theme from the state and feds, is the never ending dialogue to ignore our  
voices, step on our native hawaiian rights, use our culture for profit, take our land and water rights. Or  
they say "we'll give you this" if kanaka stop showing up to testify or fight for our rights. We got smart,  
educated and now the playing field is equal  
Enough already

A'ole TMT  
Ku'e  
me ke aloha  
Mahalo piha

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

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From Cailin Higgins [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:40 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Ms. Higgins, and I am a resident of Eden, MN and a supporter standing in solidarity with the Hawaiian people. 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 this 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 no consultation with Native Hawaiians. These projects have already caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

I urge the MKSOA to:

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

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

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,

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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 Barryn Chun [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:41 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>  
Cc HAA Honolulu [REDACTED]

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

My name is Barryn Chun. My connection to Maunakea is as a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands who stands with the Hawaiian people and their organizations, and their calls for the protection of their lands.

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

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

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 redesigned - conservation district subleise 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 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 t me,  
Barryn Chun

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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 Emi Jenkins [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:44 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Emi Jenkins and I stand with the Hawaiian people and the principles for the protection of the lands as a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands.

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 U 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 pe'aia remains Kū Kū Maunakea.

During previous contested case hearings, U / 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 ancestral lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished. I personally commit to standing in solidarity and for as long as it takes to protect our mountain, our heritage and the dignity of our people.

Thank you for your time,

Emi Jenkins

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**[EXTERNAL] Respect Mauna Kea...No telescope**

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From Kateri Chiu [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:45 PM

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

This letter is intended to stand in solidarity with the Native Hawaiian people that are resisting a telescope of 30 meters to be built on a sacred site, Mauna Kea. They have overwhelming support and their protest has reached far beyond the islands. Please consider how long the Hawaiian people have experienced the harsh realities of colonization and the desecration of their land. Please consider that it is never too late to make good decisions. The negative impact on the land and species has been reported. Think about history and where you want to stand... So much of the islands have been stolen from the Hawaiian people. Please! Respect their wishes. Do not allow the building of this telescope and the pollution and problems it will cause. Thank you.

Kateri Orange

Sent from my iPhone

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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** Kody Kimoto [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 6:49 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Kody Kimoto and I stand with the Hawaiian people and their calls for the protection of their lands as a non-Hawaiian resident of these islands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your time,

Kody Kimoto

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

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From Jamaica Osorio [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:49 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

**Alohanui kākou.**

O wau nō o Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio. I am a Kanaka Maoli mother, educator, aloha 'āina, and kia'i mauna. Like every kanaka, Mauna a Wākea is my ancestor. My father and our kūpuna were raised in the magnificent malu of Maunakea. Yet because of generations of colonial violence, I was denied that experience and grew up estranged from our kupuna Mauna.

My love for our lāhui carried me to Maunakea in the summer of 2019 to stand with our people and protect our mountain from further desecration under the proposed construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope. It was on the slopes of Maunakea, within the powerful pu'uhonua of Pu'uhuluhulu, that I truly became a kia'i. Laying my body upon the mauna in prayer, I was met with an aloha and conviction beyond comprehension. I owe my life, and the life of my beautiful 'ohana, to this mauna.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is profoundly disappointing and deeply disturbing. Addressed to the TMT International Observatory—**not** to the people they were elected to serve—it promises 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.”

Let us be clear: while the proposed construction site may have shifted, nothing else has changed. The summit remains a conservation district—the sacred source waters that sustain all life below. Kanaka Maoli have never consented to the desecration of our stolen national lands through the construction of existing or future telescopes or their auxiliary buildings. Our people continue to wait, with steadfast patience, for the full return of our lands and the lawful decommissioning of all existing telescopes. Any proposal to extend or expand construction through new leases deepens this desecration and violates both legal and ethical obligations. The call that echoes across the pae 'āina remains unwavering: **Kū Kia'i Mauna.**

During previous contested case hearings, UH and TMT themselves stated that the TMT could not be built on decommissioned sites because it was too large for the summit. If TMT is now to be redesigned to fit, then **all** permits must be redone—conservation district, sublease, EIS, management plan—and all public processes must be reopened accordingly.

This letter aligns disturbingly with a broader pattern across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations meet behind closed doors, bump fists, and conspire to override the will and peace of our communities. I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to **resist this overreach** by the Governor and congressional delegation—an attempt to consolidate power and clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea.

I remind the Authority: the summit of Maunakea is not only sacred—it is Hawaiian national land. These are lands the Hawaiian Kingdom government and people never relinquished. Asserting our collective authority to protect our 'āina is an expression of our continuing **Ea Hawai'i**—our life, our sovereignty, our breath. And I say this with clarity and aloha: should the governor or any other authority attempt to move forward with the desecration of our mauna, I will return. I will return with my children—children conceived and born from this very movement—and we will stand again, for as long as it takes, to protect our mountain, our waters, and the dignity of our people.

**Kū Kia'i Mauna**

Dr. Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio

Associate Professor of Indigenous & Native Hawaiian Politics

Department of Political Science  
University of Hawai'i at 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 Samantha Kitson [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:49 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Samantha Kitson, and I am a resident of [REDACTED] because of the military and support in solidarity with permanent residence in Ohio. 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 Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawaii, 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 Hawaii 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,  
Samantha Kitson



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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 Shaw Pascua [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:52 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Shaw. I am Kānaka Maoli and I am standing with my fellow kānaka ho'i ve n Hawai'i. 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're elected to represent states that they will work with the MKSOA and U 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 Ki'ai Mauna.

During previous contested case hearings, U / TMT previously stated the TMT could not be put on decommissioned sites because it's 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 a 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 Hei Nani nani 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,

Shaw Kailaka Pascua

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[EXTERNAL] Agenda item 9

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From Haylee Watson [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 6:54 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Kimaluonlan Watson. My connection to Maunakea is I am Kūkū Maoli, and Maunawākea is my ancestor.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the Hawai'i Congressional delegation is highly disrespectful 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 U 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 pe'aia remains Kūkū Maunawākea.

During previous contested case hearings, U / 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 Maunawākea.

I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are Heaheanational lands that the Hawaiian Kingdom government or people never relinquished. I personally commit to standing guard for necessity and for as long as it takes to protect our mountain our heritage and the dignity of our people.

Thank you for your time,

Haylee Kamaluonalani Watson

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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 Sarah Wakana [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:01 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Sarah Kalan'ele Wakanui. As Kūka'ā Maunakea Wāke is my ancestor. I was born and raised on Hawai'i Island, on and around Maunakea, where I now raise my 3 keiki to have the same connections to Maunakea.

I found 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 clearer and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with decommissioned sites".

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains conserved and the source waters fall life that depends on it from below. The refrain of thousands across the pae 'āna remains Kūka'ā 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. That includes the conservation district permit, 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. We will not stand for this action.

I urge the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to resist this excessive overreach by the Governor and congressional delegates to consolidate power and clear 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,

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

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From Jimmy Trasport [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:03 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

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

My name is Jimmy Trasport. I live on Hawai'i Island in Honoka'a and that is my connection to Maunakea.

The October 24th letter from Governor Green and the House 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 clear and transparent procedure to obtain the necessary permits associated with decommissioned sites".

While the proposed construction site may have changed, no other conditions have. The summit remains conserved and distinct and the source waters of all life that depends on it from below. The refrain of thousands across the pae 'āna remains Kū Kā' 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 think 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 perpetuate and clear 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,

Jimmy Trasport

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DATE: November 11, 2025

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

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

My name is Terrill James Kane Alii Williams. I am a Kanaka Maoli and one of my connections to Maunakea is through the Kapalehua ohana of North Kona, Hawaii and of Niihau.

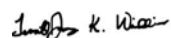
- Through my great-great-great-great grandfather Kapalehua, I descend from the aliawahine Kanealae (Kanealii) of Molokai, his great-great-grandmother. Kanealae was the kahuna dedicated to Kalaipahoa, her direct ancestor and the akua anaana of Maunaloa, Molokai. The name of Kanealae's great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather was Kahoupokapuokane and through him, Kanealae's genealogy links further back to Kahoupookane --- a sister of Poliahu, Lilinoe, and Waiiau --- who is associated with both Hualalai in Kona and with Maunakea. Kanealae's genealogy is directly tied to the marriage of Kalaipahoa and Kapoulakinau, two children of Kuwahailo. Kuwahailo resided at the piko of Maunakea and was the son of Kahoupookane, the sister of Poliahu, Lilinoe, and Waiiau. My connection to Maunakea comes in part through my ohana's lineal descent from Kanealae, back to Kahoupokapuokane, back to the union of Kalaipahoa and Kapoulakinau, back to Kuwahailo, and back to Kahoupookane of Maunakea, among other genealogical links to Maunakea.
- Through my great-great-great-great grandmother Keouli of Niihau, Kapalehua's wife, I descend directly from Lihauula, the elder kahuna brother of Wakea, who, with his family -- including his father Kahikoluamea, mother Kupulanakehau, and brothers Wakea and Makulukulukalani ---, landed atop Maunakea during the great flood known as Kaiakahinalii.

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 and without any consideration of those genealogically linked to Maunakea, 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. 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, Ka Paakai Analysis, consultation with the Hawaii State Aha Moku --- and all of the public processes associated with them. All legal procedures of the State must be followed by the State.

The letter is in disturbing alignment with so much we are seeing across U.S.-occupied territories, where politicians and corporations negotiate behind closed doors 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 attempting to clear a path for the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea. I remind the Authority that the summit of Maunakea is not just sacred; these are national lands of the Hawaiian Kingdom government and our people never relinquished them. And there are many lineal descendants living who ultimately have kuleana to ensure Maunakea's protection.

Mahalo for you time,



Terrill James Kane Alii Williams, MBA

[EXTERNAL] TMT on Mauna Kea

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From Carol Gaylord [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:13 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

I am writing you to request that MKSOA resist excessive overreach by the governor and follow a process that ensures transparency and accountability in alignment with all applicable laws in order to maintain the integrity of Mauna Kea. Research shows that indigenous peoples are the most effective stewards of our lands and resources. Mauna Kea has been damaged and polluted irreversibly. Now there should be only healing. I give testimony for myself and my kūpuna. No scientific advancement or amount of money is worth the decimation of land and resources. Particularly stolen land. TMT should not be built anywhere on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo -

Carol Ann Hitchcock Gaylord  
Kailua, Oahu

**[EXTERNAL] Mauna Kea**

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**From** Yumiko Bamba [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 11/11/2025 7:15 PM  
**To** Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

My name is Yumiko Bamba. I live on the outskirts of Mauna Kea for 10 years and have always benefited from Mauna Kea's big heart, which has allowed me to enjoy her natural offerings in the form of food and sacred energy for us all.

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

Mauna Kea is such a sacred mountain and she maintains that sacredness not just all over her land but for the island, the state of Hawaii and on the earth. Building TMT on any part of Mauna Kea will break that sacred protection not just for the island but for the whole earth. It is crucial that Mauna Kea is kept clear of this gigantic structure of TMT in order to keep her sacred energy intact. Many of us go by not quite being aware how much of her sacred protection has been doing for us. It would be too late and irrecoverable when we notice the lack of her protection once TMT gets built.

Thank you.  
Yumiko Bamba

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

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From brenlojo@icloud.com [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:26 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Brenda Ceron. My connection to Maunakea:

Started when I first learned about the creation chant while learning hula in Mexico. Through my years as a haumana hula I have learned of many sacred places in Hawai'i and their connection to the overall health (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual) of the Hawaiian people. I have also learned of many places that have disappeared due to illegal intervention that are only remembered in mele or oli today.

In 2019 I joined the voices of the people of Hawai'i and stood from where I was to make it clear that no sacred land should be erased from the earth and the memory of its people nor should the people be left to die by polluting the resources of the land that sustains them.

Hawai'i's sacred lands are not mere objects to be overlooked or reduce to inanimate commodities. They embody the profound heritage, living memory, and the deep enduring spirit of the Hawaiian people. They must be treated with reverence and respect, never as something to be traded, exploited, or purchased. In honouring these lands, we honour their history, the culture they held and currently hold, and the purpose the Ali'i envisioned for their people when they ensured these lands stayed in Hawaiian hands.

I must emphasize that the land of Hawai'i is an occupied land and, as such, the Governor should not take ownership of negotiating on lands he does not own. Those lands were intentionally and purposefully made Hawaiian national lands by the Hawaiian Kingdom government to care and sustain the people of Hawai'i today and in years to come.

I personally commit to standing again, if necessary, and for as long as it takes, to protect Maunakea, the water, and the dignity of the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time,

Brenda Ceron

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

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From Lucia Leon-Rough [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 11/11/2025 7:33 PM  
To Maunakea Authority Testimony <mka.testimony@hawaii.gov>

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

My name is Lucía León-Rough, and I am a supporter from California standing in solidarity with Native Hawaiians. I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to any proposal or discussion to relocate the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) to a so-called "disturbed site" on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea, or Mauna Wākea, is not just a mountain. It is the most sacred summit in Hawai'i. 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 participation with Native Hawaiians. These projects have irreversibly caused significant ecological damage and cultural desecration, and have not fulfilled promises of proper decommissioning or restoration.

I urge the MKSOA to:

1. **Reject** any proposal to construct or relocate TMT **anywhere** on Mauna Kea.
2. Prioritize the **protection** and **restoration** of Mauna Kea's summit and ecosystems.
3. Uphold the **principle of Kānaka Maoli stewardship** and ensure full community participation in all decision-making processes.

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

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

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Lucía León-Rough  
Chico, CA