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Aloha Drs. Yang and Tsuneta:

We would like to formally acknowledge your commitment to addressing the Hawai'i community's request for a possible relocation to a disturbed site and to fulfilling the requirements set forth in Act 255, SLH 2022. We further wish to express our appreciation for TIO's ongoing efforts to understand the diverse perspectives surrounding the construction of TMT and issues extending beyond it, as reflected in TIO Project Manager Liu's engagement with over 1,500 community members and his dedication to working in close partnership with community across a broad range of topics.

The Governor and appropriate officials in his Administration will work with the Board of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (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. 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 an

anticipated timeline, thereby ensuring clarity, accountability, and compliance with statutory obligations.

We look forward to working with TIO and the broader community to honor the shared responsibility for stewardship of Maunakea and the success of this project.

Mahalo,



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