Testimony AGAINST TMT

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Respectfully to the Board of Regents

We need to focus on protecting what resources we have as well as our sacred land. Stop thinking about money. When the land cannot provide and there is no longer water, what good is money? Mauna a Wākea isn't only an Hawaiʻi issue. It is a Hōnua issue. We need to be able to both sustain and protect our natural resources and pay homage to our Kū, Nā 'Aumakua, Na 'akua and Ke 'Akua. Hawaiʻi ane moe specifically Mauna Kea, is the piko of the Earth. And we must protect her. I strongly urge the BOR to take time to really think of the impact this project has on one of the largest aquifers in the State as well as the importance of Mauna Kea as the first born of Papahānaumoku and Wākea (Earth Mother and Sky Father). We ARE Mauna a Wākea.

Aloha,
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Sent from my iPhone