To whom this may concern,

I am in opposition of the desecration of our sacred temple, Mauna a Wakea.

First of all, Mauna a Wakea is the physical embodiment of our connection to akua(gods). The summit itself is titled "wao akua" which the realm of the gods of good and bad. In that realm people go to the summit for meditation and spiritual guidance. Where will they go now that their temple is under siege?

Secondly, Mauna a Wakea is literally the piko of Hawai'i island. A piko connects you to your past, present and future. Who's past, present and future you may ask? Not just the Hawaiian people but people of all indigenous backgrounds alike. Think of the cultural impact across the globe if this telescope is built! If the telescope is built it'll be a reminder that all sacred lands are not taken into consideration and money is the main goal.

Lastly, think of the environmental impact. What about the native species that's been dwelling on Mauna a Wakea before previous development. The summit itself is home to rare species found only in Hawai'i such as the wekiu bug. Another consideration is previous mercury spills leaking into the aquifer! Did anyone take into consideration the effects that'll happen in 15 years?

Desecration of our temple is wrong and in just. You can't lease this sacred mauna let alone dwell in that realm. Not even people of this land are allowed to dwell in the wao akua. There is no amount of money that can compromise the unique cultural background or pristine terrain. Shutdown this Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) and right your wrongs! I, LeianaMarie Alejado, am in opposition of the development and construction of not only TMT but any and all development on sacred lands.

Mahalo for your consideration,
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