To: University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents

From: Anonymous

Re: Testimony in opposition of the Thirty Meter Telescope

I am here today because as an indigenous person and as a scientist I think it’s important to consider both sides of the spectrum. Whereas I absolutely want to learn more about the universe space and I think the telescope is an incredible advancement of technology BUT it does not need to go on a sacred site.

I just want people Hawaii to know that they have the support of Native Americans as well. We are here because we just want to show our support for Hawaiians. Hawaii has given me so much and I think it’s really important to give back.

Native people need to band together in order to make change. Tribes all over the country are losing their sacred land constantly and what little we have is just quickly disappearing and Mauna Kea is something that is not going to rebuild itself. It’s there and when you disrupt it, it is never going to go back to the way it was. Hawaiians can support Native Americans and we can support each other because we are all natives.

Thank you.