Aloha,
It is a tough world we live in. One in which we’re shown image after image on TV, on social media, in the movies. We see those images and as individuals must decide what’s important in our own lives. These images have turned America (and much of the world) inside out with greed and the desire for more, more, more. And it’s happened in Hawai’i.

But step back a moment and look at what’s happening. Is this desire for more really progress forward? Is the TMT really going to help the Hawaiian people? Will the monies from this project that filter through UH really help the Hawaiian people? Or is the building of this observatory one more step in erasing the culture and traditions of the Hawaiian people? How many concessions must be made before someone realizes that it’s too late?

You folks have an opportunity here to step outside of the money game and stand up for what’s right. To be history makers, to be, truly, a Hawaiian place of learning. Will there be turmoil if you decide to stand for what’s right? Surely. But this is a change of heart that can change humanity. Will you be bold enough to do it? I hope so.

Thank you for your consideration.

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