Hello,

My name is Joshua Thomas Bray, United States Air Force, grade E-5, Rank Staff Sergeant, Medically Retired, Air Force Wounded Warrior and Wounded Warrior Alumni. From my experience, being upon somebody else's land, uninvited, causes tension. Sometimes that tension explodes immediately where as sometimes it simply grows. Harmony of community only succeeds when everyone has a voice and all are equal. Mauna Kea is a land that belongs to the Hawaiian People and has a place in the world. Science has a place in the world too. A place to expand minds and teach new things. A place where it has the support of everyone, not just a small group.

That place is NOT on Mauna Kea.

Mauna Kea is sacred land. It is sacred to the Hawaiian People and their culture. It is important to the world. Why would anyone ever risk damaging an aquifer that provides for a mass amount of life? Even if every single factor was considered, MANY of us would not dare take a chance. There are hearts of the youth on the line. There is a vein of belief and history connecting the Hawaiian People to the sacred land by blood, culture, and truth.

The truth is, EVERYONE, has the most absolute RIGHT to believe in anything they choose and practice as a religious belief/Cultural Belief. That belief is to be protected and given proper acknowledgment so as to NOT be impeded on by ANYONE.

Mauna Kea belongs to the people who hold it sacred.

TMT SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONSTRUCT ANY/ANOTHER TELESCOPE(S) OR ANY FORM OF ARCHITECTURE THAT IS NOT OR HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE ENTIRE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO HOLD MAUNA KEA SACRED.

Keep Mauna Kea beautiful and free.

Sincerely,
Joshua Thomas Bray