Aloha,
I'm not Hawaiian, but I was blessed to have been born and raised on the beautiful island of Hawaii where I still reside. Though I've had the luxury of residing where most dream of living, I have yet to discover all the beauty that this island has to offer. I have never been to Mauna Kea. I've only had the privilege to gaze at its beauty from a distance whether it was driving to work or school or even gazing at it from Liliuokalani Park. I also get to see breath taking images and videos on social media of the amazing scenery of snow and rock and views of numerous sunrise and sunsets that most get to experience. However, when I do get the chance to go and visit Mauna Kea, I don't want to stare at a telescope or have a huge telescope hinder the view from above limiting the potential beauty Mauna Kea holds. I want my future kids and grandkids to be able to see and visit Mauna Kea in the form that is it in today. I speak for myself, a local haole girl, and for tourist all over the world who have yet to see and experience the beauty of Mauna Kea, when I say and agree with the protectors of Mauna Kea that the Thirty Meter Telescope should be put to a stop. It's a form of disrespect to this land and those around it by digging into a mountain that is sacred to the Hawaiians. The UH campus may be sacred to its workers or investors in some way or another - I'm well sure enough they wouldn't want an 18 story telescope or building being planted smack middle of the school preventing the attendance of future students and education of others without their consent. "Do onto others as you want done to you" or "treat others how you want to be treated" is what most of us learned as the "golden rule" in growing up. This is one of the most important rules that people teach the children today - but how can it be taught if it is not being demonstrated at all? A telescope will be out dated and worthless in many years to come. However, the preservation of Mauna Kea can never be returned to its natural state.

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