I believe in science but we cannot keep building on protected land. I come now to appeal to your highest consciousness. I ask you to take heart and have the courage to face the consequences and responsibility of shutting down the TMT. I am calling you to cancel and all the contracts you have made with developers and contractors on the Grounds that to proceed would be a total desecration of a sacred temple site. It is a significant Historical landmark to the people of this land who are owners in fact of the land that you are entrusted to manage and protect on their behalf. To proceed is an intentional and direct assault on the people of Hawai‘i who have consistently and collectively spoken in one loud united voice declaring their opposition to this proposal. The people of Hawai‘i are not choosing to allow you to construct this massive structure on their home. Whatever it takes to swallow your prides and egos and admit that you were not at liberty to grant permission to desecrate this temple. Say you’re sorry, break the agreements, pay your fines and don’t ever to this again. The people have the right to decide what is done in their home.

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