Aloha University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

I, Kahiki Makua, oppose the destruction of Mauna Kea. Mauna Kea is the main source of life for every living being on Hawaii island. Having the Thirty Meter Telescope on the Mauna will destroy the aquifers, and the native plant(s) living there.

In the past there have been seven mercury spills in the aquifer caused by the telescopes on Mauna Kea. If the University of Hawaii continues on making a larger telescope then it could increase the chance of having more mercury in the water. The water from these aquifers goes to every area in Hawaii island. These waters feed into rivers and the ocean. The mercury will effect the livelihood of the residents Hawaii who live off the land including the water that they drink.

This is the reason why I oppose the Thirty Meter Telescope.

Mahalo,
sincerely Kahiki makua