Good Morning,

I am currently deployed to an active warzone and so cannot come to speak for myself, but I hope this letter is received in the spirit it is sent.

Mauna Kea is a global treasure. Not just a Hawaiian treasure, a global treasure. As it has already been exploited for so many telescopes on it's slopes and summit, when is enough enough? Where do we draw the line between science and desecrating the beautiful nature that has been given to us?

We are currently deployed to an environment that is as austere and almost as beautiful as the slopes of Mauna Kea, but the people here have made it impossible to visit and incredibly dangerous because of their pursuit of power, control, and idealistic extremes. Don't let beautiful Mauna Kea fall prey to the same kind of reckless ambition.

Sincerely,

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