Aloha pumehana mai ia kakou a pau,

Mahalo for your attention to this email. We are The Vitals, a local reggae band in Hawaii that has been given the opportunity to be a witness to the events that have unfolded over the last few years, and more urgently, the past few weeks.

As individuals, we each have different reasons to oppose and to support the construction of the thirty meter telescope on Mauna Kea, but collectively, we agree that the negative impact far outweighs the positive by 10x. In a world where Hawaiians already struggle to find an identity, it's hard to pull your emotion away from the facts. Besides the cultural sanction of the mountain and the history of its people, we feel that the environmental impact is just too much for us to overlook. With so much waste coming out of the system, it's a no brainer-over time, the construction will further degrade the water table and aquifer infrastructure for the island.

In conclusion, we don't have anything more to say that hasn't been said to you already. But the 8 of us stand united. WE OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION.

Ke Akua pu me 'oukou a pau pa kahi.

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