Aloha Kākou,

I would like to share my manaʻo with all of you that are here today, in hopes that you will have a better understanding of the importance of Mauna a Wākea. I also wish that you will re-consider your stance on the desecration of our sacred mauna and the construction of TMT.

Mauna a Wākea is the piko of Hawaiʻi Island. This mauna doesn't belong to you or me. It is what connects us to Wākea (Sky Father) and Papahānaumoku (Earth Mother). Together, Hawaiʻi Island (their eldest child) was created and Mauna a Wākea is the piko (navel). It is our Kupuna, who was here before many generations preceding you and I. Mauna a Wākea is a source of life for Hawaiʻi Island. Mauna a Wākea is a Wahi Pana; it is also a Leina, where the spirits of our ancestors go to jump into the next world (next life) to join their ‘ohana (family) as ‘aumakua (guardian). This is only a very short list as to why Mauna a Wākea is sacred.

Our mauna provides for all of us, you included. It is our main source of water. The TMT will not only desecrate sacred land, it will destroy our water source as well. I can't even begin to think how it will harm all of us as an effect from having contaminated waters.

Please do your part and help put a stop to the TMT construction now! Help protect OUR ‘āina that we provides us daily; our ‘āina which is a source of life.

Me Ka ‘Oia‘iʻo,

Kuʻuhonialoha Wong