Aloha,

‘O Jazzmin Mahinatea Pu‘uohau Cabanilla ko‘u inoa piha a noho mai wau i keia mokupuni ma ka moku o Puna.

There are four things that define me; I am a mother of 3 beautiful keiki; I am a facilitator/educator; I am surfer and I am a kanaka maoli woman who is proud of my culture.

The reason that I stand here before you is to express my feelings towards this issue that my people are currently facing. I can only speak for myself, my children and my kupuna and there are a few things we would like to say.

In light of much controversy I will be straightforward and dispute some of the misconceptions regarding our stand against TMT.

1) Our stand is NOT against collaboration or partnerships
2) Our stand is NOT against scientific advancements
3) Our stand is NOT against technology or telescopes
4) Our stand is NOT against the science of astronomy

I want to make it clear that our stand is **against** the LOCATION. According to the TMT THINK fund website, "TMT is grateful for the use of one of Hawai‘i’s greatest natural resources, the skies over Mauna Kea". **In their own words**, "One of Hawai‘i’s greatest natural resources"; unfortunately they cannot access Wakea without directly disturbing Papahanaumoku. **desecrating**

There is no amount of money that can restore any damages that will occur on our most sacred mountain. **Proposing** to support students K-12 to prepare to enter STEM fields and **proposing** to create an estimated 130 permanent jobs for a population of over 300,000 does not justify the building of a 30 meter telescope on conservation land. And the blatant disregard of existing building laws; is not PONO on any level.

According to an article in the Tribune Herald, "astronomers will be able to see 13 billion light years away, “it” would be the **largest** and most advanced”, telescope in the Western hemisphere.

Well, despite our pro stance on collaboration, partnerships, scientific advancements, technology, telescopes and the science of Astronomy; we stand united against the building of TMT. The collaborators and partners of TMT chose the wrong LOCATION, and WE and the WORLD will not stand silent as TMT and their supporters build on our most sacred mountain, our piko, our visual representation and reminder of our spiritual and physical connection to Wakea and Papahanaumoku. We will not stand voiceless to this cause and my great, great grandchildren those who only exist in thought, will know how we stood UNITED today to put an end to the desecration of our kupuna, Mauna a Wakea.
In conclusion, I would like to end with a few statements:

We are not the generation that signed the petition to stop annexation or the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, that was the time of Eleanor Ke-koa-ohiwa-i-kalani Wright Prender-gast, King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani Kamaka'eha; my great great grandfather's generation.

We are not the generation that was beaten for practicing our language or the cultural arts. Nor were we publicly shamed and criticized for being indigenous island people. That was my papa's generation.

We are not the generation that endured the bombing of Kaho'olawe and the dumping of unexploded ordnances on Mokapu. Nor are we the ones who fought against the building of parks such as; magic island or the desecration of mass burials in Kaka'ako. We were not the ones there to fight for water rights in Waiahole or Na Wai Eha. We were not the voices that stood against the building of H3. That was my mother's generation, a generation moved by emotion; the generation that lifted their voices in the 1970's and reaffirmed our identity as kanaka maoli.

However, we are the generation that bares the kuleana, the responsibility to carry our lahui into the future and protect our 'aina. We are a generation of educated, intellectuals that have been taught to walk and live in both worlds. We are a powerful generation full of knowledge and understanding because of our predecessors. We are a generation that knows our human rights, our rights as 'democratic' citizens and our rights as kanaka maoli. We are a generation that has learned to work with a system that does not support US as indigenous people, or OUR children, or the generations yet to come. We are a generation of CHANGE; and we are here to affect change and that change starts with YOU (THE BOARD OF REGENTS) the current agents of change. YOU can open your minds and hearts to hear our voices, to hear the pleads of our kupuna and our future generations; and YOU can make the choice to STAND UP as uncomfortable as it might be, and support the shutdown of TMT.