Aloha nui kākou!

My name is Genai U'ilani Keli'ikuli and I am an assistant professor in Hawaiian Studies at Leeward Community College. I would like to express to the board, from a cultural, academic, historical, legal, and spiritual standpoint, my request that the University of Hawai'i engage in the process of stopping indefinitely any construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope upon Mauna Kea.

There is a growing global movement to protect the sacred places of all cultures. The University of Hawai'i purports to be a Hawaiian place of learning. If so, the University of Hawai'i needs to live that claim and protect Hawaiian places in order to be a Hawaiian place of learning.

The University of Hawai'i needs to rebuild the community's trust in our higher education system and really must repair the integrity that's being severely damaged by the violation of laws in giving these permits to build to the TMT corporation. Please do what is necessary and withdraw the permits to build!

Aloha 'Āina!
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