Testimony

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UH Board of Regents:

It is extremely important that the TMT project be allowed to proceed. The process to get to where they are today – ready to begin construction – was very comprehensive, and the TMT partnership and Office of Mauna Kea Management have reached out to all stakeholders through this lengthy process and have made every effort to solicit input and collaboration. This project will bring new construction and jobs to our community and further support the astronomy community with their research and education.

Most importantly, our students – K-12 and HCC and UHH – will benefit from this valuable resource and be able to consider a variety of high-tech or science-related careers right here on the Big Island. To me, this mountain is a resource for learning and to also celebrate the Hawaiian culture and the significance that historically it placed on navigation. The Big Island is melting pot of various ethnicities and cultures from all over the world and we need to find a way to embrace together opportunities to have this amazing telescope built here in Hawaii. I would urge your continued support to move forward with the TMT construction.

Aloha,

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