You have probably heard this before, if a tree falls in the forest and nobody is there to hear it does it make a sound. Whether it makes a sound or not though does not change the fact that a tree fell and you can choose to ignore the many eloquent testimonies from the special Mauna Kea meeting at UHH but that does not mean they didn't speak. If the UH wants to be viable in the Hawaiian community then you need to listen very carefully. Your priorities have come under question for good reason, not just from the people at the meeting but also from audits that were performed but so far the blinders still seem to be on. The time has come to step up to the plate and do what's right but even if you choose to continue desecrating the mountain you have to quit hiding behind arrogance and explain why.

Many facts can be disputed but one that can't is there is only one Mauna Kea. The astronomy community has legitimate reasons for wanting to build there but they also have other options, the Hawaiian community has no other options, even if they built a scale model in Vegas it would not be the same. Reverting to another old saying, you don't miss the water till the well runs dry and for the Hawaiian Cultural Practitioners they have a sense of what that feels like with the other telescopes on the mountain and they know the well will be dry if the TMT is built. Since UH, BLNR, and the courts have been openly colluding with TMT it will be difficult to end the charade but you are only fooling yourselves so once it is over everyone will be better off. The lesson that should be learned is to ensure that all processes for development are legitimate. Once rules are made you have to stick to them, no more just insisting that falsehoods are true, like an enormous building will not create significant change, how stupid do you think people are. I am truly sorry for the tone of this written testimony but I hope you can understand I don't want to be mean but there is no nice way to tell the Emperor he is wearing no clothes.