Most honorable Board of Regents Members,

I am moved by my ancestral experience in Ireland to engage in this conversation. My empathy goes out to indigenous people who are marginalized by contemporary culture of unbridled greed & power. Too often original cultures are pushed aside without long range planning or forethought as to impacts upon their lives.

Let us bring an honorable standard forward to include Hawaiian culture in our decision making.

I will not presume to speak to religious/sacred issues. Those subjects are best left to Hawaiian religious/cultural practitioners of our host culture. I will not speak to legal issues. Those subjects are best left to legal minds & the just rule of law.

I will speak however on ecological impacts that concern all of us living on Big Island. I am not anti-science, I am pro-honest, unbiased science. My geologist friend, Eleanor Robbins, Phd., with 35 yrs. field experience on African continent & in Micro Indonesia, including Big Island Hawaii, cautions against disrupting our fragile ecological systems here. Her emphatically expressed concerns are "induced seismology" (created earthquakes) & disturbance/pollution of our watershed.

I will speak to the information coming to me by way of insiders working within Mauna Kea telescope industry. They say corporate grants & university research have become "corrupted science". Furthermore, they tell me the technology at TMT will be outdated by time consruction is complete by Chilean telescope project & that our TMT Mauna Kea project is nothing more than a "bored billionaire's showcase to entice elite international investors, in an exotic location". Insiders are not publically forthcoming for fear of losing their employment.

Our island is one of our world's last archipelagos, home to unique species of flora & fauna. It is our honor & responsibility to protect & preserve these nature's wonders for future generations. Our island home does not exist solely for entertainment value.

I am asking each of you to rethink past decisions in light of newly developing information. I am asking you to join us in protecting what is, at least, precious on our island home.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.
Most sincerely  
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