Dear Board of Regents,

the media coverage of the TMT debate and the testimonies at yesterday's UH Regents meeting appear to be entirely skewed towards opponents.

I am convinced that this is not an accurate representation of the broader community and would like to express my strongest support for the telescope.

Hawaii has the unique opportunity to be a world leader on the cutting edge of research, exploring the origin of the universe, galaxies, solar systems, and ultimately the conditions for planet habitability and the origin of life. The discoveries to be made with this kind of telescope are of tremendous value for the public and scientists alike (around the world!) and will have an impact that reaches far beyond the boundaries of the State of Hawaii.

I strongly support the TMT and hope the project will be completed as planned.

I also hope that in future meetings, more supporters will attend and be given the opportunity to voice their opinion in favor of the telescope.

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