Thank you for coming to Hilo for the second time, to listen to people's efforts to voice their wishes, for or against building the TMT Telescope on Mauna Kea.

I am a 75% native Hawaiian, born and raised on Oahu, graduated Castle High School 1969, one year Cannon's Business College in Hotel Management Course, so I don't consider myself uneducated.

I've worked for 30 plus years and earned my Social Security Disability benefits, and qualify for Food Stamps, HUD Housing Assistance, Medicaid Health Insurance Premium payments, LIHEAP utility assistance at 63, going on 64 years old this November.

I was raised in the generation I will call, HAOLE-FIED. No fluent Hawaiian language was spoken. I was taught, speaking Hawaiian was a shameful act. My parents worked hard to support us so we could eat, have clothes to cover our nakedness, and live a decent life and upbringing. I did not understand Statehood in 1959.

Today, I understand that with the Federal Governments' help with assistance listed above, I can live a comfortable life.

I stay home every day with my broken back and right knee, so I get to study the TMT Telescope problem a lot. I have the Hawaii Tribune Herald delivered to my front door every morning, I have Oceanic cable to keep up with as much news as I can, and Internet to send this email.

Fortunately for me, I also have plenty, plenty of time to read, and live the Commandments of God most of my 24 hours a day I am blessed with. Therefore, I would like to say a few words.

This comes from the Lord Himself, and He says:

Doctrine and Covenants 58:21 "Let no man break the (a) laws of the land, for he that keepeth the laws of God hath no need to break the laws of the land."

The (a) I have inserted is a footnote that takes us further in to more scriptures. I will list them:

(1) Matt. 17:24 (24-27); (2) Luke 20:22 (22-26); (3) D&C 20:1; 51:6; 98:9 (4-10); (4) A of F 12; (5) TG Citizenship; Governments

On (4) A of F 12 above: Articles of Faith 12 reads:

"We believe in being (a) subject to (b) kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in (c) obeying, honoring, and sustaining the (d) law."

Footnote (a) D&C 134:1 (1-11). TG Citizenship; Governments.
Footnote (b) TG Kings, Earthly
Footnote (c) TG Obedience
Footnote (d) D&C 58:21 (21-23).

Some people don't like to listen to the Lord. It's too hard to live His commandments. They like to make their own rules and they wonder why they are not happy.

The Lord knows everything. He created everything. Even our bodies, with the power to procreate, the plants, animals, the sun, the moon and stars, the oceans, this earth, and many more earths with its own galaxies up there in the heavens, we know not of.

Please let me touch on the use of Mauna Kea being "sacred" before I close.
At one point in time, say, the scattering of the human race during the Tower of Babel times in the Old Testament. I believe those that obeyed the Lord’s commandments, were led to these islands of Hawaii to continue our culture. My ancestors back then were so faithful, they would climb Mauna Kea to be with the Lord, to receive further light and knowledge. Because of wickedness that grew below the mountain, the elders had to go where sacredness did prevail. A prophet of God, chosen by the Lord, existed at that time.

This is so when Moses climbed Mt. Sinai or Horeb, as he was tending "....the flock of Jethro his father in law...." (Jethro, a descendant of Midian, who was a son of Abraham and Keturah. Through this line Moses received the Melchizedek Priesthood). After Moses' attention was drawn to the burning bush, the voice of the Lord Himself spoke to Moses; Moses responded in awe and reverence. Moses was a prophet of God.

Today, the mountain remains beautiful, but not sacred enough as it was when people were obedient to God's commandments. It remains sacred to the individual, in memory, of how it was, before wickedness and evil, that permeates this earth now.

And today, we still have a prophet, chosen by the Lord. Our prophet of today, his name is President Thomas S. Monson. His office is at Salt Lake City, Utah. Today, Mauna Kea remains open for us to get to know the heavens.

I testify that the TMT Telescope is the Lord's way of helping us learn about what's up there. In these last days, the Lord is revealing His works, for us to know more of His creations and His ways.

Hubble has been roaming above Earth for twenty five years. What exceptional talents those who built the Hubble, a magnificent structure as the Hubble, for it to still be flying around and bringing back beautiful pictures of God's creations. And there's much more to see!

The protesters will only be stifling our desire to see more of God's creations. They have already been arrested, 30 of them; so clearly, they are not living the laws of the land.

Clearly, the protesters themselves are not sacred; for they are pushing for a hidden agenda, which is of the devil; I question if they are living the commandments of God.

In addition, when the protesters set foot at the elevation they begin their protest, I question if they are obedient to God's commandments. If they are not obedient, then they themselves are not sacred, therefore, Mauna Kea is not sacred, so where is the sacredness of Mauna Kea? In our memory, wishing that it would be like before.

What do the protesters have as their alternate plan that will enhance our ability to see above the earth?

And if, Sovereignty is their hidden agenda, what plan do they have to continue my food stamps, Medicaid health insurance premium payment, HUD housing assistance, LIHEAP utility assistance program from the Federal Government? Are they willing to cut off their food stamps and Medicaid income and other Federal assistance? In place of what? Whatever they reply, its all talk, whereas my benefits are real, today.

The TMT Telescope has passed the permit laws; am I to believe that the process to get to this point of getting the construction crew up to Mauna Kea to begin work, is fabricated in any way?

Are those, that will be up there, working in the TMT Telescope building, intent on trashing our mountain, or trucking every morsel of trash down our mountain?

Now, keeping our mountain clean and trash-free, would show one type of true effort in keeping our mountain sacred, and still have the telescope on Mauna Kea, wouldn't you say?

Ok, I'm done.

Thank you for hearing and reading my Testimony.

Respectfully,

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