Aloha Chairman Moore and Members of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents:

I write to request your continued support of the Thirty Meter Telescope Program. I make this request for the following reasons:

1. The program fulfills one of the most critical purposes of our university, the continuing development of knowledge so as to better understand ourselves and the "worlds" we live in.

2. The TMT Program will improve the economic health of our community. The program will provide short term employment opportunities, in construction and other support services. And it also holds promise for the development of longer term "knowledge based" industries.

3. The University of Hawaii at Hilo has proven itself to be an excellent steward of Maunakea. It has created order and predictability in what was once a world of disparate and countervailing interests. It has done so with reason, sensitivity, and compassion. The once common abuse of historic cultural sites, sensitive ecosystems (the fauna and flora therein), and important geologic features are now minimized through sound management protocols.

With your continued support of the TMT Program, it will be shown that science and our pursuit to knowledge and understanding can be accomplished without the loss of our cultural integrity.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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