I am Kerry Simpson a half time resident of the Big Island. My education includes Aero/Astro Engineering and computer programming from MIT and an MBA from Boston University. I am appalled by the current stoppage of construction of the TMT. My understanding is that over the last seven years, the TMT process has gone through every meeting, presentation, study, and permit process and passed each one with approvals. Either the current protesters did not participate in that process or they failed to stop any of the approval steps. Now they are militantly using the TMT project as a scapegoat for their true agenda of Hawaiian sovereignty. They threaten us supporters with calls for us to shut up, go back to America (the mainland), telling us we are ignorant of Hawaiian culture and don't belong here, and suggesting we be killed or beaten! Please do not give in to this behavior and these people. Our nation needs the TMT, and it needs to be at the best location on Earth.....Mauna Kea. Some deal can be made to start taking down the older telescopes and returning those areas to nature. But you cannot deny the state or citizens of Hawaii and the world's astronomers and scientists, the benefits TMT will provide.

Mahalo

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