



Protection of Our Kingdom including Mauna a Wakea

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Aloha,

To whom this does concern, I am writing to submit testimony for the special board of regents meeting scheduled for this Thursday, February 22nd 2018. I will begin with an introduction, followed by factual evidence supporting my testimony.

My name is Noelani Paresa. I am the great granddaughter of Rebecca Pomaikai Paresa of Waihe'e Maui, direct descendant of King Kamehameha. I am kanaka maoli, 1st generation of my ohana born here in the Kingdom since the occupier (u.s.) had illegally annexed our PA'E AINA. My grandparents are also kanaka maoli and born in the Kingdom, but they were not allowed to olelo Hawai'i.

We have many sacred places here, many already polluted, desecrated, desemated, and exploited in the name of tourist economy. Our many heiau in Waihe'e, were used for target practice by the u.s. military. Our Haleakala is now on reserve for tour companies and tourists that are allowed to run amok because they "paid entrance fee" while kanaka maoli are discouraged from practicing except during "designated dates and times" as detailed by a park ranger.. even informing some kanaka maoli (including myself) that we are no longer allowed at this stream and Pandanus forest because it's now part of the National Park! Meanwhile, I have witnessed tourists popping on the side to piss in the open at the crater. Tourists walking all over the pohaku with the signing that says do not walk here..but the Ranger says nothing to them!

My ohana and I were honored to huaka'i to moku o Keawe last year and bared witness to our Papa and Wakea, saw with our eyes the active mo'olelo, our legends of Poliahu, of Lono, and of Pele. We also bared witness to the desecration still occurring on our Mauna. The road is being widened and the tourist numbers are increasing. The only Ahinahina plants are ones obviously nursed and transplanted. We saw the numerous telescopes across the tallest mountain in the world, some telescopes unused, unmaintained, causing more pollution and without for sight.

THIS IS THE TOP OF YOUR AQUIFER!

We also drove past PTA(pohakuloa training area) and witnessed the devastating effect the u.s. government still has on our Aina to this day..Creating PTSD for every kanaka maoli!!

I demand that you take action as the board of regents to do your job and use its power to stop this! Choose pono! The u.s. government and UHMC as well as DLNR have FAILED THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE! Do your jobs!! DO YOUR JOBS and PROTECT OUR AINA!
PROTECT OUR WAHI PANAI!

Thank you for your time.

Mahalo nui, Noelani Paresa

He Ali'i ka Aina, he kaula ke kanaka!
Hawai'i a Mau a Mau 

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