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Public Meeting regarding whether the Federal
Government should reestablish a
government-to-government relationship with
the Native Hawaiian community

PUBLIC MEETING

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P U B L I C M E E T I N G

MS. CHANG: Is there any kupuna who like to speak first? Please feel free to come up to the mic now before I call from the other -- the list.

Auntie, Uncle, Auntie, would you like to speak?

MS. KAINA: Aloha.

AUDIENCE: Aloha.

MS. KAINA: My name is Orpha Uihani Kinney Kaina. My momma is from Hana and my father is from Kauai. I'm so pleased to be here and I would like to take the time to say a -- show my appreciation for these people that have come in spite of the [inaudible] that they have to face.

First of all, most important, is that I would like to say a'ole to all of those questions that was asked of us and to [inaudible] a little of my feelings and manao.

As we were forming the [Hawaiian word], my heart looked forward so anxiously looking into finding ways to come home and go mauka to prepare, to clean up there so we could have our resources back: our opae, our O'opu, our [Hawaiian word]. And to enjoy the beautifully [inaudible] the flowers and to shape our [Hawaiian language spoken], so we could take these things into the classroom to share with our pau hana, so they could feel the essence of how our people and what our people had, so they could have the same lessons that they had. But we were told not touch them, not to take them home. They

1 take the [Hawaiian language spoken].

2 A'ole. My momma was here today, she would say,
3 These people so na'aupo. The pohaku has benefits that if you
4 look down when you're down at the beach and you see a pohaku
5 that you feel you wanna take home and -- and use it, then you
6 have that right to do. I am -- I just want to say that.

7 Thank you so much. Thank you.

8 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Auntie.

9 Do I have another kupuna who would like to come up?

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. CHANG: If not, I'm going to the first five
12 names. Dennis O'Shea, Kahu Richard Malele DeLeon --

13 Jovena, I hope you don't mind, we're gonna -- Okay.

14 Mahalo.

15 Sharon Cornelio and then after Sharon is Alana
16 Kapuni.

17 MR. O'SHEA: My name is Dennis O'Shea. I live here
18 in Lahaina. In fact, the last time I was in this room my son
19 was graduating from fifth grade.

20 The Department of the Interior has asked us five
21 questions. My answer to those questions are no, no, no, no,
22 and no. This is just another feeble attempt to get the Akaku
23 Bill through and declare Hawaiians an Indian tribe. And we
24 know what the Department of the Interior has done to the
25 Indian tribes. Hawaiians are not an Indian tribe. We are a

1 sovereign kingdom. I'm pau.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

4 I have Richard DeLeon, Sharon Cornelio, and Alana
5 Kapuni.

6 MR. DeLEON: Aloha kakau.

7 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

8 MR. DeLEON: To our panel, mahalo. I know it's hard
9 to face all of us because we're a spiritual people, so when we
10 speak, it comes from the heart and deep within that the
11 [Hawaiian word]. You have broken our Queen's heart, but
12 there's one thing that you never did, was shatter her spirit.
13 And that's what brings us here today so we can finish the good
14 fight, but with aloha.

15 Two scenarios: Russia went to premiers, same thing
16 about sovereignty, Secretary Terry Randall ran over there to
17 assist them. Saddam Hussein went into Kuwait, sovereignty
18 issues, President Bush ran over there to assist them. And yet
19 in his backyard, where are they? [Inaudible.]

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Aloha.

21 MR. O'SHEA: Difference, there was violence in those
22 countries, but yet they still went there. Here we have aloha,
23 love, where are they?

24 So a'ole, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole. No to all
25 five questions. [Inaudible] on the paperwork. Also, no to

1 the other nine that's in the shadows. Yes? Because the words
2 that was put forth is a double-edged sword. We learned from
3 the First Nations when you offered them their sovereignty, but
4 it wasn't the supreme sovereignty because now they don't have
5 their natural resources, it has been invaded by all the other
6 countries, fracking, everything else that goes with it.

7 So today our people, we have to understand the
8 language that is used and be careful of how we -- we say it
9 because it can mean one thing. We have the same thing which
10 is the county, but it was always about love. It makes the
11 difference and set aside who we are as people. So mahalo.
12 Mahalo Ke Akua. Blessed to my sister-in-law, [Hawaiian name].
13 And I'm here to represent 579 of my immediate family under the
14 house of Keakealani and Kanaloa [Hawaiian name].

15 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. CHANG: I have Sharon Cornelio, Alana Kapuni,
18 and Ke'eaumoku Kapu.

19 MS. CORNELIO: Aloha. My name is Sharon Cornelio.

20 I've been watching you folks for about these past
21 two weeks and it's very, very painful to watch our people come
22 up to the mic and express their feelings, you know, actually
23 pouring out their hearts, pouring out their hearts to fight
24 for what is ours that was illegally taken away from us. I
25 just have to speak for my [Hawaiian word] and the keikis

1 behind us. [Hawaiian language spoken.] Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: I now have Alana Kapuni, Ke'eaumoku
4 Kapu, and Kehu Kapaku, and then Blossom.

5 MS. KAPUNI: Yes. My name is Alana Kapuni and I'm
6 from the Upcountry area. And I have seen the Hawaiian culture
7 suffer for many, many years, you know. I have seen them work
8 their whole lives just to get taken advantage of, just to hear
9 more and more lies, replicas of another solution with
10 different words. You guys have a lot of play in your wording,
11 you know, like this word "should" here, everything is should.
12 You only give us five questions, so are you giving us an
13 option? Is it a suggestion that you're giving us?

14 Really, technically, I don't agree with any of
15 these. I really, really don't. I mean, as you said, it's
16 just a framework for the U.S. and these people don't want to
17 be a part of the U.S., they want to be independent, they want
18 to have their own. And we are not Indian, so how are you
19 gonna put us in the same category as the Indian culture when
20 our technique of war is different, our language is different,
21 our daily lives have its differences. They live in teepees,
22 we live in huts. They're on the mainland, we live in the
23 middle of the ocean.

24 My great-grandmother, [Hawaiian name] Kapuni always
25 said that Hawaii will have their day and that day will come

1 soon enough. Mahalo.

2 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. CHANG: Ke'eaumoku Kapu, then Kehu Kapaku, then
5 Blossom Feiteira, and then Walters. Walter.

6 MR. KAPU: Aloha mai kakou.

7 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

8 MR. KAPU: I've been in front of -- doing
9 testimonies out in the county, state, you know, in front of
10 many people. This is the most complicated time for myself
11 right now, because the issue that we're talking about
12 basically to me represents genocide. And the five questions
13 that is imposed upon us is really, really a question that I
14 think really hinders the heart and soul of our people, to
15 force them basically to make a determination of our existence
16 as kanaka. So I use the word kanaka maoli, yeah, because the
17 definition of the Native Hawaiian, that's not us.

18 So the questions that was imposed upon us, all those
19 five little questions, I say no to all of them. But I also
20 want to kind of encourage the panel up here to find Ke Akua in
21 yourself. When you go home to Washington, yeah, you tell
22 those people up there that we want to be left alone to make
23 our own decisions as kanaka [Hawaiian language spoken]. This
24 is our decision, this is our choice. We don't need people
25 coming over here and trying to tell us this is the role that

1 we need to choose. We have chosen our own role, we have
2 chosen our own right, so [Hawaiian language spoken].

3 When you have to make that decision in front of
4 those people, those big people up there, think about us, yeah.
5 Don't think about what gets written down on the paper because
6 everything that's written in the paper is coercive, it's
7 deceitful, it's libel, it's shameful, and that's not us.
8 We're a different caring kind of people. We're alive, we're
9 living, we're kanaka maoli. [Hawaiian language spoken.]
10 Aloha.

11 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. CHANG: Kehu Kapaku, Blossom, and Waters.

14 MR. KAPAKU: What I'm about to say might not be the
15 most popular thing tonight. Washington Irving, considered
16 America's most prolific storyteller, said this, "Villainy
17 wears many masks, [but] none so dangerous as the mask of
18 virtue."

19 I look at among ourselves, we're blaming the United
20 States of America because they wear the masks, but no one
21 blames ourselves for putting ourselves in this predicament.
22 It didn't happen in 1893, it happened way before that. We
23 Hawaiians have to own up and man up and take responsibility
24 because we are just as much fault in the overthrow than what
25 we have learned from history. And history, as we always say,

1 is one-sided, sure, depends on which side you're on. And
2 you've only got a taste of one part of history, one side of
3 the coin, but what about the other side? We had corruption in
4 our government since 1810. We wear the masks of virtue and
5 that's why we're screaming at you guys, because we're virtuous
6 and you're not. And you're looking at us and saying, No,
7 we're virtuous. And, see, that's the reason why we fight,
8 because both sides are virtuous. When both sides are right,
9 that's why we fight.

10 Here's the answer: Take the mask off. You take
11 your mask off, we take our mask off, and we will see exactly
12 who we are. And we are a nation. We are not some
13 semi-nation, we are a nation. And your president said we
14 never gave up that sovereignty. So if we were to talk, let's
15 take the masks off and make tonight be the beginning of a
16 process in which something was made right. Mahalo.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: Blossom and then Waters, Orpha Kaina,
19 DeeAnn Kaina, and Silla Kaina.

20 MS. FEITEIRA: Aloha mai kakou.

21 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

22 MS. FEITEIRA: Okay. So I already submitted my
23 testimony online, but I just wanted to bring out a couple of
24 salient points.

25 There are -- many of us in our community wear many,

1 many hats as a way to try and meet the challenges and
2 obstacles that we find in our community. Two and a half years
3 ago I served as the president of the Association of Hawaiians
4 for Homestead Lands. Our purpose was to do advocacy work that
5 would address the needs of the 27,000 Native Hawaiian
6 beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act who are
7 currently awaiting an award for land. I also served as
8 executive director of Friends of Moku'ula, a nonprofit
9 organization working towards preserving the history of
10 Lahaina, including the restoration of our sacred sites, the
11 island of Moku'ula and Loko o Mokuhinia, listed on your
12 national list of historic places.

13 Moku'ula and Lahaina is significant in our
14 conversation here today as it is also the place where under
15 Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III, our constitutional monarchy was
16 founded and served as the original capitol of the Kingdom of
17 Hawaii.

18 Mahalo, Secretary -- Assistant Secretary, for
19 providing us with this opportunity to present my testimony in
20 favor of developing a procedure for reestablishing a
21 government-to-government relationship with the Native Hawaiian
22 community. I would also like to take this time to extend my
23 thanks to President Obama for providing this.

24 My name is Blossom Feiteira. I'm a Native Hawaiian
25 and a lifelong resident of Hawaii. I was born and raised in

1 Lahaina, Maui, [inaudible] to Kaupo to Hana and Kipahulu. I
2 give you my background as proof that the existing federal
3 statutes has played and will continue to play an integral role
4 in helping our people navigate their way to success.

5 So in regards to the five specific questions, I just
6 wanted to relate my manao to the first one. So in order to
7 reestablish this government-to-government relationship, we
8 must look at the original relationship and determine what
9 happened. So your historical background contained in your
10 notice recognizes the role of the United States and the
11 devastating effects it had on our people. The relationship
12 was not just broken, it was violated when the United States of
13 America overthrew my government, replaced it with a puppet
14 government, and then you took my country.

15 In our quest -- in your quest to address the effects
16 of your involvement in the overthrow, the United States have
17 instituted over a hundred thirty -- fifty federal statutes
18 that assist in addressing the social and economic disparities
19 that exist in our indigenous community here in Hawaii. Until
20 those disparities are adequately addressed, the current
21 relationship must continue. So while the members of our
22 community continue to work at restoring our independence, it
23 is important that our current relationship stay in place.
24 Facilitation of the development of new rules that recognize
25 kanaka maoli as a distinct indigenous people of Hawaii, that

1 is a necessary step to preserve this current relationship and
2 is the first step to the path of political recognition,
3 whatever that may be.

4 So in closing, Assistant Secretary, I would
5 reiterate my theory that continuing the existing relationship
6 with the United States is necessary to continue our success in
7 addressing the disparities that exist in our community. I
8 would actively support the development of new rules that,
9 number one, recognize the native population of Hawaii as the
10 true indigenous kanaka maoli of Hawaii; number two, recognize
11 that the role of the United States in the overthrow of the
12 Kingdom of Hawaii created this special and unique trust
13 relationship with us; number three, the federal statutes
14 created to benefit the kanaka maoli is in recognition of this
15 trust relationship; and number four, that this relationship
16 does not and will not prohibit or restrict the ability of the
17 kanaka maoli in pursuing their right to self-determination and
18 self-governance. Mahalo.

19 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Blossom.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. CHANG: Now we have Waters and then Orpha and
22 DeeAnn and Silla Kaina.

23 MR. FIN: Thank you.

24 Aloha. Good evening, everyone. I am Waters Omar
25 Fin, Jr. I am flattered and it is important that you come to

1 Lahaina to seek an opposition to the Department of Interior's
2 official questions, it's process, and conditions. I am the
3 grandson of Mrs. Lucien [Hawaiian name]. She was born in
4 Kahana in 1881. She was the daughter of Kahiku and [Hawaiian
5 name]. My grandmother knew and spoke to me about the events
6 of 1893. She lived to be 100 and luck -- fortunately, she
7 lived often with us and so what I know is -- what I say here
8 is true.

9 My family said no to the Committee of Safety and to
10 the provisional government, we said no in 1895 to the Kaua
11 Kuloko, we said no in 1897 to annexation and signed the Hui
12 Aloha 'Aina petition here on Maui and in Honolulu, and on
13 August 12th, 1898, we had signed the [inaudible], but we said
14 no. Years later I asked my mother, how did she vote in 1959
15 to the question about Hawaii becoming a state, and she said
16 no. Now, we know our history, we know our -- what happened
17 here in 1893, and we know that we are not an Indian tribe and
18 not to be treated as such. Thank you. Thank you very much.

19 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. CHANG: We have DeeAnn, Silla Kaina, and then
22 Zeke Kalua.

23 MS. KAINA: Aloha mai kakou. My name is DeeAnn
24 Kaina. And we welcome all of you to [Hawaiian name], the site
25 of the capitol of the Kingdom of Hawaii. And we also admonish

1 you to remember the fact that this is the place where
2 Kauikeaouli signed our Hawaiian Constitution.

3 How many of you took the time prior to your arrival
4 here in [Hawaiian name], have taken the time to place and
5 bring [Hawaiian language spoken]? How many of you have taken
6 the time -- if any of you have taken the time to go to Wailoa
7 to pay your respect to our Queen Liliuokalani, as well as
8 [Hawaiian name]? And if any of you have taken the time to put
9 some sort of a lei on the bust of our -- of Kauikeaouli at the
10 entrance of our office of this school? If not so, then this
11 is an example of why we are not on the same page, we are not
12 on the same thought.

13 The 1993 Apology Bill 103-150 is the referendum --
14 based upon the referendum. All of a sudden in 2011 Act 195
15 comes out where -- where was the Department of Interior --
16 Office of Hawaiian Nations within the Department of the
17 Interior? Where were you? 2008 your president came to the
18 world of being born in our country of Hawaii nei [Hawaiian
19 language spoken], should he -- shouldn't he be impeached?
20 That is a solution.

21 The CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Mr.
22 Pouhana, proposes a simple, yet legitimate question to your
23 Secretary of State, John Kerry, all of a sudden you show up
24 throughout Hawaii.

25 Why isn't the Office of Hawaiian Nations within the

1 Department of Interior cracking down on the state for crimes
2 committed in violation of international law? The state has
3 intervened many times in our livelihood. On many occasions
4 they've added regulations after regulations to do -- based
5 upon our fishing, agriculture, and have abused our livelihood
6 in interrupting our traditional methodology by changing our
7 values, using our language as well as 'aina for purpose of
8 commodities for their gain. Who is supposed to be monitoring
9 this? The state has added restrictions on our natural
10 resources. We are asking you -- laws are set up, attempts
11 have failed for criminal reasons within the state interfering,
12 interrupting, as well as interfering -- intervening in our
13 livelihood. We need your assistance by advising the governor
14 to stay out of our business; therefore, we can get where we
15 need to be as a people.

16 It is no -- it is no coincidence that the [Hawaiian
17 word] is way out there. And they're doing it for the spirit
18 of the people because of their belief and faith in all of
19 kanaka maoli [Hawaiian language spoken]. That is a tremendous
20 example that we, the people, can stand firm as our queen has
21 mentioned and reminded us [inaudible]. We hold you
22 accountable as you have taken upon yourself an oath based upon
23 your fiduciary duties. Somehow along the line you have failed
24 us.

25 In closing, if for any reason there is anything that

1 has been said that I have offended any and each and every one
2 of you, forgive me.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. CHANG: I have Silla, Zeke, Kaniloa Kamaunu, and
5 Waylen.

6 MS. KAINA: Aloha. I'd like to state for the record
7 my name is Drucilla Kaina. My moku is Kaanapali, my ahupua'a
8 that I grew up and raised is Honokohau, also now living in
9 Napili and [Hawaiian word] of this moku of Kaanapali.

10 I'd like to make it a statement there are 13 -- 19
11 questions answer -- stated and I want you to know that I would
12 say no to the 19 questions. And specifically these five
13 questions. The first one, we have a royal place here,
14 Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III, wrote our Hawaiian Constitution
15 right here. The power, the mana, still lives in this place,
16 and I'm so grateful to live it. And at times I don't, but it
17 keeps me grounded. On the other hand, there are important
18 things that I've seen my people. We stood for our chiefs and
19 the oles of our chants. Piilani did, so did our dynasty of
20 Kamehameha, Kauikeaouli, our queen in the dynasty of Kalakaua,
21 Liliuokalani.

22 I would have to say no to the five questions. I
23 would also like to say that we don't need a government to a
24 government. Our people speaks for themselves. We need you to
25 listen. We need you to see what is productive in your kuleana

1 that we can be [inaudible] of who we are.

2 Also, just to let you know that the questions 2, 3,
3 and 4, and 5, you know, my mom's quoted this in a legislature
4 of 'Aha Moku in 2007, she says, Put our poi, our [inaudible]
5 poi back on our dinner table that we will come together as
6 one. Our poi is here, but you know what we need, and we all
7 know that he lives, [Hawaiian word]. Our kanaka maoli lives
8 and we will stand as our na kupuna have stand and we will
9 continue to be who we are, a nation in our own islands to live
10 our elements, to practice, to perpetuate the importance of who
11 we are. And if it wasn't for our na kupuna, I would not be
12 here. Mahalo.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: I have Zeke, Kaniloa, then Waylen, and
15 then Sarah Nakihei.

16 MR. KALUA: Aloha mai kakou.

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MR. KALUA: My is Ezekiel Kalua, son of [Hawaiian
19 name] Kalua, grandson to [Hawaiian name] Kalua and
20 [inaudible]. Originally from the island of Oahu and a
21 resident of Maui County for almost 26 years now.

22 I think what it comes down to is, is trust. The
23 Committee of Safety was formed because they did not trust that
24 they could do commerce in Hawaii in the beginning. And under
25 the threat of genocide then of our people and gunfire from

1 Pearl Harbor, our queen ordered all of us to peace so that one
2 day you would have the opportunity to right the wrong.

3 In what you've presented in the five questions,
4 you've really left us no -- no other ability but to say no.
5 And it's not because the lawyer that wrote them wrote them
6 inappropriately, it's because you didn't involve anybody in
7 Hawaii when you did write them.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. KALUA: For the record, I have to say a'ole to
10 all five of the questions. And deep inside my heart I don't
11 want to, but because you believe that Hawaii is already under
12 U.S. rule, how are we coming to the table? Nobody in this
13 room brought weapons, but look all the security you guys
14 brought.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. KALUA: I think the bottom line is what you give
17 is what you're going to get. And unless you come to the table
18 and start right from the very beginning, that's all that's
19 going to happen is no, no, no everywhere.

20 And if I'm guilty of wearing a mask tonight, it's to
21 say what, that maybe Kamehameha and the chiefs before him were
22 curious about who their enemies were, curious about guns,
23 curious about the Western products of educating our people?
24 Why? So we could better understand how you would abuse us?

25 You guys have not been stewards of our land the way

1 that we would because our ahupua'a brings water from the
2 mountain to flourish everything below it all the way to the
3 ocean. For our trust in you, because you bomb [Hawaiian
4 name], you bomb [Hawaiian name], you destroy the water system
5 in Waikanae and Waihole Valley, you bomb Kahoolawe.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. KALUA: This is real talk, this is real talk.
8 This is not about trying to give you guys a hard time, but
9 understand that when they beat the religion and beat the
10 'olelo out of our people and outlaw the hula and cut our hair
11 and told our kupuna, If you don't speak English, you no can
12 work and make money; that's why we are where we are. Mahalo.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: We have Kaniloa Kamaunu, Waylen, Sarah,
15 Albert, and Kalei Kauhane.

16 MR. KAMAUNU: Aloha. My name is Kaniloa Kamaunu. I
17 come from the moku of Wailuku. I come from the area called
18 Waihee Valley. Sorry to jump in on you guys tonight, but I
19 can't come tomorrow.

20 SO my thing is you talk about your oath of office
21 and what you guys are bound to. In April of 1900 the 56th
22 Congress found there were a group of people in the Hawaiian
23 Islands who refused to take -- to take an oath of allegiance
24 and thus were not citizens of the Republic of Hawaii. On
25 August 12, 1898, the U.S. Congress found that those who were

1 not citizens of the Republic of Hawaii on August 12th, 1898,
2 were not citizens of the United States. Therefore, those who
3 refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Republic of
4 Hawaii remain as subjects of the Kingdom of Hawaii on August
5 12th, 1898, and all of the benefits, privileges, and rights
6 granted -- guaranteed protection under the laws of the Kingdom
7 of Hawaii continue to remain in effect today.

8 So if you do bound yourself by the law, the 56th
9 Congress, 1900, bound you to this. So if you're not the -- if
10 you're not the entity that we should be speaking to, then you
11 should actually excuse yourselves. Because according to this,
12 we are not the Native -- and I make this disclaimer, I am not
13 a Native Hawaiian and part of the Native Hawaiian community.
14 I excuse myself. I cannot answer your questions because the
15 entity you're asking that is not present at this time. The
16 Native Hawaiian community is not present, so I cannot
17 participate in your questioning because it doesn't allow me
18 to.

19 According to this, I'm not a United States citizen.
20 According to Act 195 that you clearly state that a Native
21 Hawaiian [inaudible] 1778 is a United States citizen, then I
22 excuse myself under the act of Congress in 1900. Congress 56
23 has already excused me of this process and anybody else that
24 is here. So not only I make the disclaimer for myself that
25 this does not -- and it says right here, this is your -- as to

1 what you bound your office to. So I'm binding you to the
2 office to take the action that's correct, because they already
3 stated, Congress already stated, 1900. 1993 they reinstated
4 that, 103-150, they stated the same claim. The Akaka Bill,
5 same claim.

6 So the thing is I bound you by your laws. Act
7 according to the laws that you say you represent and I hold
8 you to that today. So prove to me anything in writing that
9 says negative to this, that states that I am your United
10 States citizen. If you can do that, then, fine, I'll play
11 your game; otherwise, step aside because you're breaking the
12 law. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

15 I have Waylen, Sarah, Albert, and Kalei Kauhane.

16 MR. KAHAIALII: Aloha, everyone.

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MR. KAHAIALII: My name is Waylen Kahaialii. I live
19 in Waihee Hawaiian Home Lands, but Lahaina is my home, that's
20 why I came out here to share my manao with you guys.

21 You know, it's hard watching all that's been going
22 on in our state, in Hawaii, in our 'aina, and watching you
23 folks receiving all this from our kanakas, but it has to be --
24 it has to be said, you folks need to take this home. I just
25 hope you folks don't go home with deaf ears and blind eyes.

1 So what has been shared with you folks, take it to heart. All
2 the passion that the people share right now is real.

3 I understand you're over here to quote laws and
4 whatever happened in the past, you had a lot of that education
5 already. A lot of us had a lot of that education this whole
6 week through all the mokus. You know, it's a -- right now
7 it's not -- it's not -- it's not a coincidence we're here
8 today with everything that's happening around the world and
9 happening in our moku right now.

10 You know, my question to the kanakas right now --

11 I think this going to be two minutes. I was
12 thinking how in two minutes am I going to get everything in?

13 Anyway, the last time I was over here, [inaudible]
14 in one talent show and that was back in the '70s, guys. We
15 were all like this and I see a lot of faces over here. But
16 that tells you how far we've come, you know. I was playing
17 over there in [inaudible]. I'm [inaudible] now. It tells you
18 where we're going as kanakas.

19 We know who we are already. We don't need anybody
20 else to tell us who we are, yeah. But my question to you guys
21 now, kanakas, it's time to stop acting like kanakas and being
22 kanakas. All right? [Inaudible] today and tomorrow, be
23 kanaka. Okay? And take [inaudible] when you go home to sleep
24 tonight, when you lay your head on your pillow, and you dream
25 of your kupuna, when you open your eyes tomorrow, be kanaka.

1 Okay? Aloha.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: I have Sarah, Albert, and Kalei.

4 MS. NAKIHEI: Aloha. Thank you for coming. I'm
5 [Hawaiian word] to Na Kupuna O Maui under the direction of
6 Auntie Patti Nishiyama and all her kupuna. They said no to
7 all the questions. With grace, you know. It is -- it is
8 offensive to them. Again, you have offended this population
9 of our community which we treasure to the utmost highest.
10 They come under Akua and, yeah, they said no. So thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Sarah.

13 I have Albert and Kalei Kauhane.

14 ALBERT: Aloha kakau.

15 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

16 ALBERT: I introduce my daughter, Kalokei Okalani.

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 ALBERT: My generation [inaudible]. Speak English.
19 If not, gonna go no place. I lost contact with my 'ohana and
20 my Hawaii. Why? In fear at that time. All we -- all we were
21 taught was English. I was born 1949. We're the generation
22 that was left out of everything Hawaiian. I'm one of them,
23 I'm one of those individuals. Okay? I came back from Nam and
24 if it wasn't for my cousin Kaimoku, I wouldn't have the
25 culture he made that I have now.

1 I asked my tutu, Why is like this? 'Cause they like
2 everything, they like everything Hawaiian here. They took
3 away my Hawaiian life as a small boy. Why? Talk English. My
4 grandfather, Filipino; my grandma, pure Hawaiian; they talk
5 Hawaiian, Filipino, even Japanese. But as soon as they walk
6 in the room, English. I never learned nothing when growing
7 up. You guys took away my life as a kanaka. I had to come
8 back from Vietnam, come back home, and learn of who I am and
9 why I -- why I'm here.

10 I'm here, I'm here for my grandparents that are not
11 here, for my grandparents that would suffer and I am still
12 suffering. Look at my daughter. If you guys now sit down and
13 [Hawaiian word] with the nation of Hawaii, it ain't gonna
14 happen. Not in my time, her time. The fact is all the five
15 questions, we say no. Why? 'Cause you guys no like share.
16 You only like take.

17 (Applause.)

18 ALBERT: All my life you take and look what I get.
19 All I get is my Hawaiian culture and I am a practitioner of my
20 culture as of now. So I stand for all the people of Hawaii
21 nei, [Hawaiian language spoken]. You go back, you tell that
22 guys, all that guys that turn away from Hawaii, we are the
23 people of Hawaii nei and we stand here for our freedom, our
24 whole nation's freedom. We don't want nothing else, we don't
25 want your war. Why? You know, to this day, American history,

1 always had a D. I asked my tutu, How come, Tutu, I cannot do
2 the Gettysburg Address? I cannot do this why? Wasn't meant
3 for me, American history, and today same thing. The Civil
4 War? A'ole, I don't like.

5 But I tell you what, if you guys no sit down and
6 talk story our people, yeah, we gonna start without you guys.
7 That's not going to happen. And that's what you guys no like.
8 But, what, nobody listening. Why? I'm 64 years old and you
9 still the same place. You never move, you guys never move.
10 You guys keep taking and taking and taking.

11 But my daughter has one word for all you guys.
12 Okay?

13 Tell 'em.

14 DAUGHTER: E ho'i i ka nani.

15 ALBERT: Tell 'em what it means.

16 DAUGHTER: Let the glory return.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: I have Kalei Kauhane, Wainani Wendt, and
19 Nani Robinson.

20 MR. KAUHANE: Kalei Kauhane from Lahaina.

21 For the past 2,000 years our peoples lived in
22 harmony and freedom, and for the past 200 years our people
23 have lived in imprisonment upon your flag, upon your laws.

24 Okay. Gonna keep it nice, gonna keep 'em nice,
25 gonna keep 'em nice. [Inaudible], but I gonna keep 'em real

1 nice.

2 Past 200 years what you guys did to us, America?
3 What did America do to Hawaii? Kill our people, rape our
4 land, steal our water, and steal to -- and lie to the world.
5 You guys believe that? Do you believe that? You believe
6 that's the truth? For real, do you guys believe that's the
7 truth? Because it is. That's all you guys did for us. You
8 guys never do nothing positive for us, nothing. Okay?

9 And for all of your questions you guys get, I say no
10 400,000 times.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. CHANG: I do appreciate it, Kalei. I know how
13 hard it is, but I do appreciate the courtesy.

14 So next I have Wainani Wendt, Nani Robinson, Jon
15 Kinimaka, and Kale.

16 MS. WENDT: Aloha kakou. My name is Wainani Wendt
17 and I'm here to speak for all of our kupuna who are hurt, who
18 can only come up and scream and cry about our beautiful land
19 that we call home. I am from the 'ohana Wendt from Wailua Nui
20 on the [Hawaiian name], but I currently reside in Honokohau.
21 But doesn't matter where I'm from because Hawaii is my land
22 and this -- no matter where we go, our 'aumakua and our kupuna
23 will be standing firm before -- beneath our feet.

24 And you can come with our laws and try to make us
25 think differently about what is going on, but there are the

1 educated ones. I am younger, I -- you know, and for my
2 kupuna, who are not able to speak in 30 years, I know this is
3 a chess game and we're only the pawns. We are just fighting
4 in this rally forever. And I just hope as you go back to the
5 U.S.A., you can tell them that they have Hawaiians, we have
6 young people who are here to fight. And all we want to know
7 is what our kupuna has to offer us. We are going to stand
8 firm for our -- and I say no to all of the questions.

9 We are so smart, we learned how to do everything in
10 our lives. We did everything ourselves. We never had anybody
11 come and then try to tell us what to do because we're
12 Hawaiians, we learned -- we do everything with what the gods
13 tell us to do. We plant the land and it gives back to us, we
14 don't take. If you're gonna take, we give back. And I just
15 hope that you see that, that we have people here in Hawaii
16 that will keep pushing.

17 And even though it is a chess game, I will be here
18 and I know all of my fellow people who are my age will be here
19 once our kupunas pass away. And it's just gonna get worse if
20 we don't -- we're going to go with our kupuna no matter what
21 and we're gonna keep fighting. And do you want this chess
22 game to go forever or do you wanna settle it? Do you wanna
23 let us have a government?

24 It's very sad to hear -- like I heard many say our
25 kupuna kept -- they told us to speak English and not Hawaiian

1 back in the days. But as a young Hawaiian, I went to Seabury
2 Hall, which is known as a haole school in Hawaii. So if we
3 have to speak English, but follow our culture, that is what
4 we'll have to do. And if we have to come up with our acts and
5 our rights and all of our laws, our kupuna are still here
6 fighting and they're crying and they don't know how to come
7 back to everyone. But as a young generation we're learning
8 and we're becoming part of Western society as well as the
9 Hawaiian culture. And I hope you realize that we are just
10 getting smarter. And the roots under us will never leave.
11 You can take our 'aina away from us, but our kupuna and our
12 'aumakua will be there and we'll keep fighting no matter what.
13 Mahalo.

14 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. CHANG: I have Nani Robinson, Jon Kinimaka, and
17 Hana.

18 MS. ROBINSON: Aloha kakou. My answer to your
19 proposed administrative rule changes is no, as all the
20 children of Hawaii has -- have told you. My birth name was
21 given to me as Nani Hololani [Hawaiian name] Robinson.
22 [Inaudible] the meaning of this is [Hawaiian language spoken]
23 and Wakea and I am a third generation Kamehameha.

24 We have heard that your Department of the Interior
25 to be assisting CNAK and OHA in stacking up the written

1 testimonies with the names of the dead and [inaudible] persons
2 who have not given their consent to make it appear that the
3 majority of people in Hawaii accepts your federal recognition.
4 For the record, is what we're hearing true?

5 In 1842 there was a kanaka, his name was Timothy
6 McKenzie Haalilio, who went to Europe on a mission for the
7 king, my great-grandfather, Kamehameha III. His mission was
8 to obtain international recognition for independence for the
9 Kingdom of Hawaii and he was successful. There is an article
10 that was printed in the newspaper of 1923, *Honolulu*
11 *Advertiser*, talking about his trip and his mission in Europe.
12 What he brought -- what he brought back was a design that was
13 to be the kingdom's code of arms. What it shows is four
14 countries. An alliance was made to give Hawaii the
15 independent recognition as they had wanted. He returned in
16 1843.

17 Our Father in Heaven gave his earth to the sons of
18 men, as he knew all men need a place to call home. This
19 teaching was taught to us by our chiefs and also by our
20 [inaudible] Jesus, who your missionaries called [inaudible].
21 The Hawaiian Kingdom is neutral in politics and you can
22 understand why. That was a -- that was also -- there was also
23 a revolutionized by the relatives of the -- well, by the
24 collective of the Anglo Saxon, whose great zeal for the Lord
25 was outnumbered by their greater zeal to acquire Hawaii for

1 the United States. So our Hawaii is a small inherited taro
2 patch, but we love our country and we know that you love your
3 greater country.

4 An executive agreement was made by one head of
5 state, Lili'uokalani, with President Grover Cleveland and it
6 has not yet been resolved and that's what we're awaiting. It
7 will be pono, a good balance, to also answer the question that
8 was posed by CEO of OHA, executive officer Dr. Crabbe that was
9 sent this year. Mahalo.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

12 I now have Jon Kinimaka, Uilani Kapu, and Keahi.

13 MR. KINIMAKA: Aloha, Hawaiians.

14 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

15 MR. KINIMAKA: My name is Jon Kinimaka and I'm here
16 to state for the record no to all five of your hypothetical
17 questions, no to the -- no to the illegal overthrow of the
18 Kingdom of Hawaii, no to the illegal and invalid annexation of
19 our kingdom, no to the illegal and fake State of Hawaii, no to
20 the de facto government, no to the illegal occupation of our
21 kingdom, no to human rights violations, no to oppression, no
22 to genocide, no to Monsanto.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. KINIMAKA: And, America, it's time to
25 [inaudible] Hawaii. It's been enough already, 121 years. You

1 know, our people are united. I'm so proud of everybody here.
2 I feel so much unity. It's coming together. We're going to
3 do a self-determination. We don't need them.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. KINIMAKA: I'm so proud of everybody. Akamai,
6 our keiki, our kupuna, everybody, I love all of you.

7 And according to the international law, the only
8 remedy for crimes of this magnitude is restitution and
9 restoration, you know. Time to pay up and start figuring out
10 an exit strategy, that's what you need to do. Take that back
11 to your commander in chief, tell him come talk story to our
12 nation right here. Free Hawaii. Aloha.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: I have Hana, Uilani, and Keahi and
15 Richard McCarty.

16 Is Kalei here?

17 MS. MALAQUI: Aloha. Mahalo Ke Akua [Hawaiian
18 language spoken].

19 I also say a'ole. I've seen so many testimonies and
20 heard so many heartfelt -- talked with so much people in
21 regards to everything, regular proposed rule changes back and
22 forth and your five questions and your 19 questions and --

23 I've been involved in many groups and organizations
24 and myself as an educator, as a [Hawaiian word], as [Hawaiian
25 word], our kuleana is Hawaii. Our kuleana is our kupuna that

1 sit before you to pass on the knowledge that they pass on to
2 us. Our kuleana is to pass on to our keiki and which we are
3 fulfilling today. We are raising a nation.

4 We are a nation, we have never been taken away from
5 that. We are true to who we are. We believe in everything
6 that is around us, our nature. We listen, we watch. We are
7 sensitive. We are caring. Everything that you put in your
8 proposal, we know who we are, we don't have to explain it.

9 We want to know -- the question that was asked, all
10 we want is the answer. Are we a kingdom? We know we are, but
11 that question was proposed to you, to who you work for. All
12 we want to know is we want to be recognized as who we are so
13 we can be proud of who we are, even though we are proud of who
14 we are. That's why we're all here as one. Hana, Kipahulu,
15 Kaupo, Wailuku, we are all here as one to tell you a'ole, to
16 allow us to do what we believe is right, and to show that we
17 can do it ourselves. We are doing it ourselves. We sustain
18 ourselves and our lands and our waters. We raise our children
19 the way we feel that they should be raised. A lot of them are
20 homeschooled because we don't believe in the system. So allow
21 us that pride, allow us to be recognized as kanaka maoli.
22 Mahalo.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. CHANG: Uilani and then Keahi and then Richard.

25 MS. KAPU: Aloha mai kakou.

1 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

2 MS. KAPU: I'm a Hawaiian national. I'm a
3 descendent of people who came over from Europe. My
4 great-grandfather became a naturalized subject of the Hawaiian
5 Kingdom under King Kalakaua. And my grandmother, my maternal
6 grandmother was born in Honolulu in 1880 before the U.S. came
7 in.

8 My claim to fame is not only that my -- who my
9 kupuna were, but mostly 20 years ago over in Anahola, Kauai, I
10 went to jail because I was supporting some Hawaiian families.
11 It lasted only one day of jail, they were -- they didn't like
12 us, I guess, so they -- they kicked us out. But I remember we
13 had the choice, anybody who would post bail, you can leave
14 now. Well, two other women and I, Reverend Ray Sexton and
15 [Hawaiian name], we said, No, we're going to stay. I
16 thought -- my reason was, Well, if we go into the courtroom
17 and I'm in charge -- chains, that's going to be more of an
18 impact.

19 But, anyway, I want to say that King Kamehameha III
20 did not wear a mask. He sent his envoys to Europe and to the
21 United States of America to get the Hawaiian Kingdom
22 recognized as a member of the Hawaiian -- of the nations of
23 the world and he succeeded and that's why we're here. And
24 since the countries that supported the Hawaiian Kingdom bid
25 for equality of nationhood with the other nations -- the three

1 countries were Britain, France, and the United States of
2 America. The United States of America agreed that Hawaii was
3 a kingdom. And so I don't know why you're here because you
4 know you shouldn't be here. It's just the state department.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. KAPU: Dr. Crabbe of the OHA sent the message to
7 John Kerry, Secretary of State, that's different from the
8 Department of the Interior. So that's what I have to say.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

11 Richard. After Richard, I have Honu and then
12 Taimiroa and then Mahinalani.

13 MR. McCARTY: Aloha.

14 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

15 MR. McCARTY: I'm Richard McCarty and I have -- I
16 hope that nobody takes offense by my speaking here today. You
17 might have guessed I'm a non-Hawaiian.

18 And I would say no to all of your questions, but I
19 have a question for you to take back to Washington. There are
20 a lot of people who have put in a lot of time, effort, and
21 thought, historians, legal scholars, who have come to the
22 conclusion that the United States of America has committed
23 crimes against the Hawaiian people. If that is the case and
24 you're the Department of Justice, you have full capacity to
25 look into that and make your own decision. If that is the

1 case, then you are asking all of us to be aiders and abettors
2 in these crimes and you yourselves are aiders and abettors in
3 the crime by participating if it -- if it goes forward. So I
4 think you need to get back to the basic premise of what
5 happened when and was that right.

6 And I'm a non-Hawaiian, but I need to be proud of
7 myself too. And I cannot be proud of sitting here and
8 listening to the agony of all these people and knowing that
9 people who looked like me have put them in this position. And
10 I hope you agree that you are people who look like me and that
11 you have some reparation to do. Mahalo.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

14 I have Honu, Taimiroa, and Mahinalani.

15 MR. LAFITUGA: Aloha, everybody.

16 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

17 MR. LAFITUGA: Howzit?

18 You guys is here for help us to be one government,
19 but everybody clearly here said no. Our government is our
20 land, our 'aina, so if you give that back, then I'm pretty
21 sure that we can show you -- and not just you guys, but the
22 whole entire world. [Inaudible] in going around the world and
23 they're promoting sustainability, so I'm pretty sure when they
24 come back, the world will be looking at us to show them how to
25 be sustainable, so we gotta make sure we're ready.

1 I say a'ole to all 19 of your questions. You guys
2 asked us 19 questions, but only want five answers. So a'ole
3 to everything.

4 Mahalo to everyone for showing up. You guys can
5 call me up any time. You guys need help, you guys can call on
6 me, I promise that. Aloha.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. CHANG: I have Taimiroa and then Mahinalani.

9 MS. PAJIMOLA: Aloha. My name is Taimiroa Pajimola.
10 I was born in Anahola Homestead in Hawaii. I was raised in
11 Kealakekua and [Hawaiian word] and I now reside in Maui in
12 Waikapu.

13 To all your questions I'd like to say a'ole. A lot
14 has been said already. If you don't understand by now, I'm
15 not sure you'll ever get it. Everyone has put it so
16 beautifully and I just want to say mahalo for everybody for
17 showing up today. It's so beautiful to see so many people
18 together. Once again, a'ole. Mahalo.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

21 I have Mahinalani Kealakai and then -- oh,
22 Mahinalani, would you mind, since you spoke -- thank you so
23 much. I really appreciate that, so thank you.

24 Next I have Kahele Clark, Ernie Cruz, Jr., and Dana
25 Gibson.

1 MS. CLARK: Aloha. I wanna thank anybody for
2 listening to me and listening in general.

3 I look and I'm just confused when I look up there.
4 I feel like every Hawaiian national has to stand behind their
5 nation. And if you don't want to stand behind your nation,
6 then you have to find another place to go, go declare your
7 citizenship, go make a [Hawaiian word]. But, you know, this
8 is our land and we have to stand here, stand for it, stand for
9 our kupuna, stand for our ali'i, stand for our kingdom.
10 There's no question in that, it's documented everywhere, so
11 there's no excuse. You don't have to speak Hawaiian to know
12 that.

13 I'm upset that there's not transparency. I heard
14 about these meetings in April from friends who'd heard about
15 things going on in D.C., yet the dates weren't put out until
16 two weeks before all the meetings began. So we were traveling
17 in America and we could not be there on Oahu, so -- we had a
18 family emergency, we were on the Big Island. We had to drive
19 from Hilo to Kona today, fly from Kona to Kahului, and drive
20 here, because that's how important this is to us.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. CLARK: That being said, I want to mahalo all
23 the people of Maui, the kupuna and everybody who is here
24 today, for letting me speak during your time in your moku.
25 But I -- my name is Kahele [Hawaiian name] Clark.

1 And I believe in your kuleana and I believe when you
2 come here, you engaged with me, like we have a kuleana
3 together; right? I acknowledged you, you acknowledge me, if
4 you don't remember me, remember everybody else, but, remember,
5 you have to do something. You don't just listen, there's
6 action, and hopefully it's the right action. I don't know, I
7 can't make that choice for you. But it's that give-and-take
8 thing that we've been talking about, a lot of people have
9 mentioned it.

10 If you want to help, I believe the first thing you
11 should do is to give formal recognition. Not the Apology
12 Bill, but you write a letter and you make it public to
13 everybody in the world that Hawaii is still a kingdom and
14 we're working to get away from the United States. And we will
15 take as much time as we need and we will use as much resources
16 that we need from the United States to do that because we've
17 been -- all the things that have happened monetarily,
18 spiritually, physically, they owe that to us. So everybody
19 who's scared of what the next step is, they owe us time, they
20 owe us money, all of that. But please do a formal recognition
21 to the world of who we are.

22 I guess I should end, 'cause the pau sign is up, but
23 I -- but I think that's, at the very least, a great starting
24 point so that everybody can start getting educated and we will
25 have a better platform to address everything we need to

1 address. Mahalo.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: I have Ernie and Dana Gibson.

4 MR. CRUZ: Aloha [inaudible].

5 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

6 MR. CRUZ: A special aloha to Esther, I know her
7 [inaudible]. Another special aloha to the Kekoa. I've been
8 watching all the testimonies, good job, man, for keeping it
9 flowing.

10 First of all, I want to say my grandmother, she was
11 pure Hawaiian. She was born and raised in [Hawaiian name],
12 Maui, in 1907. She passed away June 5th, two thousand -- no,
13 June 15th, 2005, she was 98. Her name was [Hawaiian name].
14 She married Japanese, but that's how we roll around here.

15 And, anyway, [inaudible] I got a lot to say, so I'll
16 try to keep it organized so I'll at least try to go till the
17 pau sign comes up.

18 But I personally feel I'm federally and state
19 recognized already because every week when I get my paycheck
20 from Matson, I check the back, deductions, and the first two
21 deductions is FIT and SIT, that means federal income tax and
22 state income tax. They recognized how much I made last week,
23 they recognized how much I owed them, and they take it without
24 asking. So anybody who has a job, basically, you know, in --
25 you know, as a way to say you're federally and state

1 recognized, check the back.

2 So what I'm trying to say is we don't need federal
3 and state recognition, what I believe we need is for
4 [inaudible] 150 statutes that were federally given us as
5 Band-Aid to cover the [inaudible] in 1893. Quit pulling the
6 Band-Aid. Have one law that just says, Do not sell any land
7 till we decide what we wanna do, you know, that's a good place
8 to start. Two, don't let any American or any international
9 being, any haole, by that I mean foreigner, come to sue us
10 because they think we're racists or we're unconstitutional,
11 'cause that's a lot of bull.

12 And then in closing, I want to say that you value --
13 you guys are here, you value America and you say you've
14 never -- I've heard over and over again that you're never
15 gonna give it back. [Inaudible.] Well, tell your people we
16 value what you value times a thousand. Mahalo.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

19 I have Dana Gibson.

20 MR. CRUZ: And five a'ole.

21 MR. GIBSON: Aloha. I came here to talk about the
22 royal patent, I came here to talk about the mineral rights and
23 about the [Hawaiian word]. But I already submitted a packet
24 to all of you, you guys can go through. Okay?

25 So I was born in Lahaina. I go by Gibson, but I'm

1 actually a [inaudible]. I come from Maui Village right down
2 the road. I come from a family of 13. I'm the 12th child.
3 Okay?

4 Now I want to talk about something that's so
5 different. I want to talk about the men and women who serve
6 for this country, the Stars and Stripes. Now, you put
7 yourself in my shoes and you fought for a flag that you were
8 such -- into it as a patriot and now you know the
9 circumstances of what's going on today and you [inaudible]
10 yourself, then you know where I am. I'm not happy, I'm very
11 unhappy, and so would you. But I'll let you sit on that.

12 When I look out here, I see all kanaka maolis. I
13 see more than that, I see my 'ohana. You're my 'ohana. You
14 need to get beyond. Hey, we all need to create it, that's
15 what we need to get back to. Mahalo.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. CHANG: The next speakers, Meakiekie, Luwella,
18 and Sandee, I hope you don't mind, but we'll let those who
19 haven't spoken first.

20 Then I have, it looks like -- is it Kaku Lansford?
21 Number 79.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Kekoa.

23 MS. CHANG: Kekoa, I'm sorry. Kekoa. And then
24 after Kekoa, Kahu Lyons Naone, and then Hinano Kaleleiki.

25 MR. LANSFORD: Howzit. Kekoa Lansford. I'm

1 speaking on behalf of my grandfather, Charles Makekau, and our
2 family and I just want to say no to all your questions. And I
3 think, like everybody else said, until you guys come clean,
4 it's always going to be no, you know. And that's all I got to
5 say. Thank you, everybody.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

8 I have Kahu Lyons Naone, Hinano Kaleleiki, Raenette
9 Kahaialii, and then Foster Ampong.

10 MR. NAONE: Aloha.

11 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

12 MR. NAONE: First I'd like to apologize to you for
13 how we are, but you need to understand who we are. I'm in my
14 seventies. I was born in Hana. My mother is from Lahaina,
15 she's a Lake, and my mother is -- my father is a Naone. I
16 lived in Lahaina in 1947 after the tidal wave wiped out our
17 house in [Hawaiian name].

18 My grandmother asked me once, Why? Why are you in
19 the military and why did you go to Cuba and why did you go to
20 Laos?

21 And I said, To fight for freedom.

22 She said, Whose freedom?

23 I said, I don't know. Because when I look at the
24 man I was shooting at, he wasn't my enemy.

25 But, you know, Barack Obama is the first president

1 that offered us a seat at the table. No other president
2 before that offered us a seat. The problem is, it's the wrong
3 questions. It is the wrong questions and it's because maybe
4 you folks just don't understand who we are. You heard that we
5 are this, we are that, we are -- but I'm gonna try to in my
6 [Hawaiian word] way, I'll explain who we are.

7 (Hawaiian song.)

8 MR. NAONE: It means that when you take my blood and
9 the DNA, there is a definite thing there. We are real, there
10 is -- we are maoli.

11 I asked my doctor once, Can you take my blood and I
12 wanna know how much percentage of America I have?

13 And he said, That's not possible.

14 America, like Canada and like Australia, it's only
15 an idea. [Hawaiian word], we are native. [Hawaiian word]
16 'aina, which means we're from the land. You see all these
17 people here, they work the land, they are part of the land.
18 The land is their kupuna, their -- we are the children of
19 that, that's who we are, pulapula. We have ancestors, we are
20 the descendents of our ancestors and we are ancestors of our
21 children right here, which means you have a kuleana. This is
22 about kuleana. We just cannot give up. We just cannot give
23 up. We'd love to come to the table and talk to our brother
24 Barack Obama, but there's gotta be different questions.

25 Again, I'm sorry for taking too much time. And,

1 again, I'm sorry if we offended you in any way. Mahalo.

2 (Applause.)

3 (Hawaiian song.)

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. CHANG: I now have Hinano, then Annette, then
6 Foster Ampong.

7 MR. KALELEIKI: Aloha, kanakas.

8 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

9 MR. KALELEIKI: My name Hinano Kaleleiki. I think
10 you guys said it already, so, you know, all I can say is
11 action, we need action, you know. A'ole to all your
12 questions, you know. I still don't know what that unique
13 relationship is or what relationship we have, I haven't
14 figured it out yet. Nobody's ever given a clear picture on
15 it.

16 So believe, kanaka, yeah. Believe in yourselves and
17 do it right for all your [Hawaiian word], your kingdom laws
18 are intact.

19 We need action. Aloha. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

22 I have Raenette and then Foster.

23 MS. KAHAIALII: Aloha kupuna. Aloha mai kakou.

24 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

25 MS. KAHAIALII: I'm sorry, the last time I was here

1 I was small and we all know that was a long, long time ago.

2 (Laughter.)

3 MS. KAHAIALII: I came up here, I came here with my
4 dad, and I'm here again.

5 So basically, five questions, no. And that's for
6 everybody. And just for the record, 1,167 Kahaialii said no.
7 And the reason why we say no is 'cause that's some really
8 sorry questions that you guys came up with. And, I mean, this
9 came from a government that prior to the overthrow in 1852
10 sent Colonel Spalding over here undercover to check out Pearl
11 Harbor. [Inaudible] didn't overthrow itself.

12 You know, you guys came up with some pretty good
13 stuff. You know, you guys -- you guys took the harbor from
14 Hawaii, you allow all of our fathers and grandfathers to fight
15 in the war, then when came time to look for them for their
16 land, all of a sudden they was deceased and you guys couldn't
17 find them, but you guys could find them for the draft, that I
18 don't understand.

19 And I only say that because, you know, when I grew
20 up, when I was growing up, we was all about work, go to
21 school, do better for you so you can do for you and your
22 family. Come to find out the country that we was so proud to
23 be from and study for was the one who took everything away
24 from us. And my dad served this country, yet when you guys
25 was selling his land to one company that was going to give you

1 guys more money than you guys can -- I don't know, I think
2 more than you say today, nobody could find him. And, you
3 know, I just wanted to bring that up. We're not stupid about
4 the whole Pearl Harbor thing. We aren't really [inaudible].

5 And my two minutes aren't your two minutes.

6 So I'm just saying that you need to come to us, come
7 to us in the family, the people, because we are, we always
8 have been. We never gave you guys stars. We grow -- we grow
9 and plant things by the moon. You guys never had teach any of
10 us that, we did that all by ourselves. We know [inaudible],
11 who we are and where we are from because our 'ohana taught us
12 that, our kupuna taught us that.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. KAHAIALII: So you go back and you tell them
15 either come up with better questions or come up with one
16 better panel to answer those questions for us that we have for
17 you. Aloha.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

20 Raenette and then Foster. After Foster, I have
21 Junya and then Nameaaaa.

22 MR. AMPONG: Aloha, panel. My name is Foster
23 Ampong. Like many of the testifiers before me, I was born and
24 raised in Lahaina. My ancestry goes back let's just say 20
25 generations from here. So the land that we're on, gathered

1 here today, is my [Hawaiian word] to my ancestors and to
2 myself.

3 I would like to give context. There's injury,
4 there's betrayal, there's mistrust, but there is remedy. The
5 reason why you've experienced the hurt and the pain from so
6 many testifiers, you came here and within two weeks you travel
7 to five islands, you've held 13, tonight being the 14th of 15
8 meetings. The people that you see here represent a portion of
9 the larger community of we, of kanaka, of Hawaiians that have
10 never been consulted. They were left out of the discussion
11 about whether we wanted a government-to-government
12 relationship, whether we wanted federal recognition, etc.,
13 etc. That's why you have the passion and the hurt and the
14 pain that has been expressed upon you. But, more importantly,
15 they've been injured, injured in 1893 and injured today
16 because they were not consulted, contrary to what you may have
17 been told or where -- you know, what you may have been lead to
18 believe. That is why the people are suffering and hurting,
19 that's why you feel their 'eha, their [Hawaiian word], the
20 pain.

21 The remedy is for you, the panel, to go back to
22 Washington, D.C., confront those individuals that you say were
23 the leaders in the Native Hawaiian community that came to
24 Washington, D.C., to seek for this federal recognition, this
25 government to government, amendments to the administrative

1 rules and regulations. Go to them and tell them to come back
2 to the islands. If you could come here in two weeks' travel,
3 five islands, and hold all these meetings; they can come back
4 here and talk and consult with us first. That's what needs to
5 take place. That's what has never taken place.

6 As I said, we gather here on this [Hawaiian word].
7 My family comes from Hawaiian [Hawaiian word], that's the
8 ahupua'a that the local, the local [Hawaiian word], where the
9 [Hawaiian word] sits in. Right above on the puu, on the
10 hillside, as you came into Lahaina today, you saw the big L,
11 right, for Lahainaluna, on top of that rests David Malo. And
12 for any of you who aren't familiar, David Malo is one of our
13 first scholars that graduated from Lahainaluna. He was
14 educated by the missionaries, but, more importantly, why he
15 was buried there, he was buried there because he wanted to be
16 above the rising tide of the haole, the haole being the
17 foreigners. Not because he was racist, but because he could
18 foresee the coming of all the big fishes to the shores, these
19 very shores here in Lahaina.

20 My ancestors was all part of the creation of the
21 laws of the Kingdom of Hawaii. I stand here before you for my
22 ancestors and all we ask is that you talk to us first.
23 Whatever you do when you go back, whatever decisions you make,
24 please keep in mind, we as a lahui, as a people, were never
25 consulted. Only a very few people went there.

1 And, quite frankly, we feel betrayed. So it doesn't
2 matter if federal recognition is a good thing or not, it
3 doesn't matter if the amendment is a good thing or not, the
4 point is we want to be included into the discussion. It is
5 our kuleana. You have kuleana -- and let me just say, part of
6 having the kuleana and carrying it out is respecting other
7 people's kuleana, so, please, respect our kuleana. Mahalo.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: I now have Junya Nakoa, Nameaatea Keahi,
10 Makana Haia, J. Polinahe Haia-Shim, and D. Lawakua Haia-Shim.

11 Are they here?

12 Okay. The last person I have is Kailani Ross.

13 Okay. I have now gone through the list. I'm going
14 to go through -- there have been those who have signed up who
15 made comments in other meetings, so I'm now going to go
16 through and permit them to speak.

17 Mahealani Wendt. Is Mahealani here?

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He left already.

19 MS. CHANG: Okay. After Mahealani, I have --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What about the people you called?

21 MS. CHANG: Oh, please, come up. I'm sorry.

22 MR. NAKOA: Aloha kakou.

23 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [Hawaiian language spoken.]

25 You know, I've been thinking like, you know, 121

1 years, 121 years, yeah, been trying to -- these people was
2 trying to -- these people was trying to deface, yeah,
3 decolonize our people, yeah. And I think on that, you
4 never -- you're not going to make determinations for us, yeah.
5 Our people never not -- or never surrendered to those ideas,
6 yeah.

7 And this letter that [Hawaiian name] wrote not to
8 you guys -- you guys talking about the message for
9 [inaudible], yeah. This is the 121 years that we've been
10 dealing with, yeah, the genocide, the homelessness. We wanna
11 talk about those things, yeah. You guys can take 'em back to
12 United States and you tell 'em what we've been through, 'cause
13 us, yeah, we've been surviving on our own.

14 We are working on this 'aina and some of us cannot
15 work on this 'aina because it was taken away, yeah. And what
16 gives you guys the right to do that? And you guys come,
17 occupy the space, you know.

18 I have so much things in my mind that I want to say,
19 yeah, but those things, that is not for you, it's for the
20 Secretary of State. When he come, I'll be ready, yeah. For
21 you guys, yeah, I think you guys should just go back home.
22 Just go back home and deal with their affairs over there,
23 yeah. But when that guy come, yeah, tell 'em, we're waiting,
24 yeah. We're all waiting over here, 'cause [inaudible], yeah.

25 My grandfather fought, yeah. Now he's gone, yeah,

1 so our generation, my uncle guys' generation, my 'ohana's
2 generation to fight, yeah, to the very last kanaka. Mahalo.

3 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. CHANG: I have Junya Nakoa, Makana Haia,
6 J. Polinahe Haia-Shim, Lawakua Haia-Shim, Kailani Ross.

7 MS. ROSS: [Hawaiian language spoken.] I'm Kailani.
8 [Hawaiian language spoken.]

9 And mahalo to you folks. Is it Justin Hirsch? No?

10 MS. CHANG: Smith.

11 MS. ROSS: Smith. Okay. Mahalo. And, Esther,
12 mahalo for being here. And Rhea Suh, mahalo. Jennifer,
13 mahalo for your time in coming and listening to us. And
14 mahalo your good intentions, all your good intentions and
15 everything that you intend to do with this information.

16 First of all, the questions imply that the United
17 States has superiority over the kanaka maoli and that's why
18 it's hard to answer for me, 'cause I don't agree with the
19 question and to answer the question is to agree with your
20 implied superiority.

21 I assume you're all aware of Public Law 103-150;
22 correct? You've all read the Apology Bill and you understand?
23 I would hope so, because that's paramount to your role here.
24 It's an apology that recognizes the role of the missionary
25 decendents, the businessmen, the United States government in

1 capturing the land and moving it over to the United States and
2 the United States participating in that theft by a joint
3 resolution rather than annexation. There was no treaty
4 between two nations. And that is why the United States is
5 part of this. Of course, you know that.

6 So Question No. 1, Should the secretary propose an
7 administrative rule? To me, the only role that you should
8 have is in declaring a moratorium on all land sales ASAP.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. ROSS: Stop the bleeding, stop the land sales,
11 stop the construction. Okay? The big five who overthrew the
12 queen are still operating, they're still bleeding the kanaka
13 maoli of their lands. Okay?

14 And we all know you only have two minutes.

15 You've reinforced the war declared on the kanaka
16 maoli. Okay? It's in the Apology Bill. There's an active
17 war, it continues. We are in an active war right now and
18 you're continuing -- you're perpetuating that war against the
19 kanaka maoli and our ability to live off the 'aina, be
20 self-sufficient. Okay?

21 Kanaka maoli, we need to unite. Forgive one another
22 for whatever it is. Brother, sister, cousin, uncle, and
23 [Hawaiian word] kakou, know your kuleana, know your [Hawaiian
24 word] all the way back as far as you can go, know where your
25 kuleana lands are if you have kuleana lands. Know if you are

1 a noble, because it's the nobles -- according to the law of
2 1864 and back, which is still current law, if you're a noble,
3 you are responsible. And final kuleana, okay, know your
4 [Hawaiian word].

5 One more thing, one more thing, the Bayonet
6 Constitution of 1887 nullified all laws beyond that. 1864 is
7 where we are. Okay? And the other thing was just know your
8 kuleana.

9 Kuleana Consulting, [Hawaiian name] is in the house,
10 see him if you don't know where your kuleana lands are. He
11 will find it free of charge and that's the way to get back to
12 your 'aina. Mahalo.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: So I have gone through everybody who has
15 signed up who has now spoken and I'm now going to go over
16 those who have signed up and spoken before. The first one is
17 Mahealani Wendt.

18 Did she go home?

19 Okay. Next I have -- is it Hana, Hana Malaki? And
20 then after Hana, I have Aukele Hill.

21 (Inaudible comment.)

22 MR. MALAKI: As James Kaulia once said, "Agreeing to
23 annexation is like agreeing to be buried alive." Yeah?

24 Hana Malaki, representative of the lawful Hawaiian
25 government, District 4, [Hawaiian language spoken] here on

1 Maui.

2 I'm going to share a brief history overview for you
3 guys and for everyone out there who just might not know. On
4 March 13, 1999, the kanaka maoli people successfully
5 reinstated the formal offices of the lawful Hawaiian
6 government of the Kingdom of Hawaii. The primary purpose for
7 reinstating the formal offices of the lawful Hawaiian
8 government is to acquire proper [inaudible] status and reclaim
9 the inherent right that the lawful Hawaiian government does
10 possess is the right to reclaim all Hawaiian -- all government
11 and crown lands that were illegally confiscated on January 17,
12 1893, and are currently maintained illegally by combined
13 [inaudible] of the United States, State of Hawaii, and the
14 various county governments.

15 The goal of the lawful government is to acquire
16 independent sovereign nation status. To accomplish that goal,
17 the Hawaiian people have to reinstate the formal lawful
18 Hawaiian government to represent the critical authority of the
19 sovereign Hawaiian Kingdom. This was achieved by applying due
20 process of law, international law protocols, and the
21 international law principle of perfect right.

22 The principle of perfect right is this: Every
23 sovereign nation does not have to ask other sovereign nations
24 what it can and can't do. Obviously this principle does not
25 grant the right -- a sovereign nation the right to break law,

1 but to protect its right as a sovereign power. The former
2 Hawaiian nation was recognized as a sovereign nation and
3 possessed perfect right. That perfect right was never
4 relinquished due to Queen Liliuokalani's protest letter,
5 thereby reserving the perfect right for the kanaka maoli to
6 compel the fulfillment of all their corresponding obligations,
7 which include the perfect right to reclaim our sovereignty and
8 sovereign power.

9 The opposite principle of perfect right is the
10 international law principle of imperfect right. Imperfect
11 right appears when the occupied people ask the occupying
12 government to return the sovereignty instead of reinstating
13 their sovereignty on their own. The supporters of the Akaka
14 Bill, Act 195, [inaudible], the panel of the Department of the
15 Interior is a prime example of executing imperfect right. The
16 occupied Hawaiian people is asking the occupier, the United
17 States and the State of Hawaii governments, to recognize the
18 formal sovereignty that will be totally controlled by the
19 United States government and their laws.

20 The question is: Where in the civilized world does
21 the perpetuator of an admitted criminal of a crime get to
22 dictate the terms and conditions -- terms and conditions to
23 the judgment? Welcome to America. Yeah?

24 Now, we can all sit back and let this madness
25 continue or we can step to the plate and participate in the

1 lawful Hawaiian government's perfect right to reclaim our
2 Hawaiian nation.

3 I've got two more paragraphs [inaudible]. Okay?

4 We, the Hawaiian nationals of the lawful Hawaiian
5 government, have worked diligently to prepare and construct
6 the process of sovereignty that is sincere in their support by
7 all kanaka maoli people and others who desire to participate
8 in the lawful Hawaiian government and the pursuit of justice.
9 We, the Hawaii nationals of the lawful Hawaiian government,
10 humbly encourage all kanaka maoli to come to the [inaudible]
11 and participate to reclaim our God-given inherent right of
12 restoring our rightful station as an independent sovereign
13 nation. As our queen once said, "Love of country is deeply
14 rooted in the breast of every kanaka, no matter what their
15 station." Yeah?

16 Now it is time for the people of Hawaii and the
17 world to see what these islands are and who is the true,
18 proper claimant. As James Kaulia once said, "Forever protest
19 the annexation of Hawaii until the very last aloha 'aina."

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. HILL: What's up, everybody? Hey, hey, hey. As
22 Gabby say, I say, I say. That's why [inaudible], give it to
23 me one more time. Hey, hey.

24 But we know the problem; the solution, our queen,
25 our queen. The 39,000, the ku`e petition of 39,000, she

1 didn't stop that. We don't need OHA to try and sell us out
2 like [inaudible] or whatever and cockroach bill and all that.
3 We know what the United States is trying to do, they're trying
4 to sell us down the river, again. But now we been educated,
5 so what we're gonna do is we're going to continue the 39,000,
6 you don't need to make any list, because we have her list. We
7 can reunite like that 'cause we can all -- you know, we're
8 against annexation, the ku'e annexation bill. I mean --

9 Anyway, I'm sorry. By the way, this is my son.

10 [Inaudible.]

11 Anyway, so the future is in your hands. So if we do
12 that, if we get all the petitions, we can go to the White
13 House to visit our Hawaiian friend Barack Obama [inaudible]
14 get the letter. And we will say, Here you go, brother, set
15 your people free, set your people free.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. HILL: All right, okay. Oh, wait, wait. One
18 thing -- I got like 30 seconds there. I can go fast.

19 (Singing.) Oh, say can you see a lot of freakin'
20 haoles who came over here and forgot to go home. Now
21 pollution in the air, no more fish anywhere, [inaudible] and
22 forgot to go home. Oh, say thank you, sir, for my minimum
23 amount of wage, stole our sovereign queen -- that's
24 [inaudible] we still get them -- now the home of the slave.
25 Okay, all right.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. CHANG: Okay. Next I have Meakiekie, Luwella
3 Leonardi, Ka'iulani Mahuka, and Sandee Pa.

4 MR. KAUA: Aloha.

5 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

6 MR. KAUA: This is the second time I've seen you
7 guys. I'm from Hana and so forth.

8 And 'ohana, hearing the 'ohana, hearing the 'ohana
9 is so special. In Hana, we see everybody get together and say
10 what they said and you get to hear what they're saying today.

11 The military guys, military, that is -- is the
12 veterans. They're buried in the cemetery. I can say
13 brothers' names, decendents -- our decendents go so, so far.
14 It's not -- it's not one, it is millions of people, 'cause the
15 blood, blood. Why? Pure-blooded Asian, Chinese, Japanese,
16 Korean, Filipino, you name it. You got European, Portugee --

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Portuguese.

18 MR. KAUA: And Portuguese. Yes, Auntie. Thank you.

19 And hearing what she said [inaudible], it's true.
20 You know, hear uncle, it's true. You guys been hearing this
21 over and over again, the whole thing. [Inaudible.] Why? Why
22 is it this right now? Because the guys at Akaku, I go there
23 all the time, once a month, just to do something, a public
24 notice to tell people, Put it on the YouTube, put it on
25 Facebook, put everything so information gets straight out and

1 parties know. Because our bloodline is so far, so deep, we
2 are made of millions. Maoli, pure-blooded maoli, pure-blooded
3 Asian, pure-blooded Portuguese, and pure-blooded [inaudible],
4 pure-blooded [inaudible].

5 And all you guys heard that last night, that's why I
6 was looking to you and loved it, I hear that your name is
7 Smith. Sovereign, service, caretaker, descendent, Smith,
8 [Hawaiian language spoken]. That's who we are.

9 What is worse is that, like I said earlier, they
10 come to a place and they take, they take, they take. And
11 guess what? Auntie from Kamehameha line, Kamehameha named all
12 his chiefs all the areas that needed to be taken care of. You
13 know what Kamehameha did, Three? He gave away [inaudible]
14 Halawa, Big Island, to Nakoakoa family line and my family
15 'ohana, that Arthur Akina Wood, Nakoakoa bloodline. And guess
16 what? All they did was steal it. They killed my
17 great-great-grandmother, poisoned her on her land. And
18 immigrants, my grandfather [inaudible] and Japanese, Chinese
19 all saw that happen.

20 The thing is, is everything a'ole, as I said last
21 night, and will continue to do that again. They supposed to
22 be on TV on every single channel, every channel you can hear
23 everything that everybody said. That words will go so far and
24 so [inaudible] this room, I guarantee you [inaudible] are
25 gonna pick this up and it's gonna get better for all of us.

1 Thank you and God bless you guys.

2 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

3 We now have Luwella Leonardi and Sandee Pa.

4 MS. LEONARDI: Oh, that brother so sweet. He's so
5 awesome.

6 Anyway, I am my father's daughter, his name is
7 Kanaka O'o 'Niaupio. My name is Luwella Leonardi. My local
8 [Hawaiian word] is Ko'olaupoko and I am a resident of Waianae.

9 I'm here and I will be here [inaudible] tonight to
10 bear witness of our people. It is because in Waianae there
11 was so much confusion, there were many yeses in Waianae. So
12 when I go home, I will have to deal with the problem when I go
13 home. But I just want you to know that Waianae, even though
14 we cannot see you on the -- on the -- on that camera, I'm
15 getting phone calls all day and while I'm in this meeting, but
16 they can't see you. But that is why I'm here to bear witness
17 to the truth.

18 I also want to mention that Alexander Alt, Andrew
19 Alt, and my grandpa Alt sleep at Oahu Cemetery and they -- and
20 I'm here because of what -- the work that they did with the
21 ku'e petition. If you look and you do your search, you will
22 saw -- see four delegates, one of them was Alt. We never,
23 never, the Alt family never stopped acknowledging the ku'e
24 petition. We just did it within ourselves, within our
25 community, and within our church. My grandfather's known as

1 Brother Alt and my grandmother's known as Sister Alt here in
2 Lahaina.

3 Pono Kealoha was supposed to be here, he was
4 supposed to broadcast you and send you out, send your word,
5 your voices out, but, you know, coming from the island of
6 Oahu, lots of tricks were being played, so that is the reason
7 why I'm here. We're going to have a whole lot of damage
8 control on the island of Oahu, which was intentionally done to
9 us.

10 But I want you to know, each and every one of you
11 that spoke, your voices of your kupuna, even though they
12 cannot see you on that camera, they feel you, they hear you.
13 So I want to say thank you to all of you.

14 And as far as a'ole to our panel, 1 to 19 is a'ole.
15 Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, a'ole.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Luwella.

18 I now have Ka'iulani Mahuka and then Sandee Pa.

19 MS. MAHUKA: Aloha from [Hawaiian language spoken].

20 I'm Ka'iulani from Kauai. And if you want to know what
21 federal recognition is like, come to Anahola where one person
22 controls all the resources.

23 I just pretty much came -- I've been going to a lot
24 of the meetings and I want to just share how hopeful I am to
25 see all of us, person after person, to stand up and say no, to

1 stand up to the bullying tactics of the United States.

2 And I hope that you are hearing. The gentleman told
3 me that he's not allowed to think, he's not allowed to have an
4 opinion, and he doesn't have a personal opinion, that's what
5 you said to me in Kapa'a the other night. So I sure hope that
6 that's not true. I sure hope you have a personal opinion and
7 I sure hope you have been listening.

8 Anyway, I just wanted to come from Kauai and tell
9 you all that we stand with you, Maui, as we stand with all the
10 islands. So mahalo for letting me speak. Aloha.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Ka'iulani.

13 I have Sandee Pa and after Sandee --

14 MS. PA: I want to direct my attention to all the
15 people here that really count. My name is Sandee Phillips Pa.
16 My great-grandfather is David Kalohala Pa, my
17 great-grandmother is Kathryn Rome Pa, my grandmother is
18 Maryann Pa, my grandfather is Frank Moniz, and I feel them all
19 here tonight.

20 I want you to know -- you see this color skin? My
21 tutu said, Because this color skin, you're going to be a great
22 chameleon for our Hawaiian nei. And you know what, though, I
23 always did it with aloha. But I could hear what they were
24 saying because they thought I was one of them. Okay? And I
25 am not a racist, but I can tell you this, you know when

1 corroboration, I worked at very high levels, oh, big deal, but
2 I never forgot who I am.

3 And one thing I know about panels, the hierarchy,
4 you have a kuleana and a responsibility to give the upward
5 flow of communication that is the true voice of the majority
6 of the people, not to kind of go squash and say, Oh, unless
7 you got written testimony, it doesn't count. This counts,
8 they count. They took their time, resources, and some of us
9 hana hou a couple more times. Mahalo for the hana hou. But I
10 will tell you something, we do not want division and we don't
11 want money to divide us, 'cause we know there's billions of
12 dollars floating around. You're not here for just one thing.
13 We will not be a nuclear zone for your war games anymore.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. PA: We know what is going on. You know the
16 conservancy, little boundary they're making, it's to keep us
17 from seeing what's really going on.

18 But I am so proud because I'm here for my mo'opuna.
19 I'm so proud of the young people, you guys are strong. You're
20 going to do it, because you know why, it's the right thing to
21 do. And we want aloha as an example of peace throughout the
22 whole wide world. It is not a coincidence that Hokulea is
23 doing what they do and it's not a coincidence here that you're
24 here with the big, big guns out there. But we are not afraid.
25 We took the F out of fear and now we can E-A-R, hear in our

1 pepeiao. Our pepeiao is not a pepeiao [Hawaiian word]
2 anymore. It's a pepeiao with Akua speaking through us. You
3 know why? Because we love who we are and we love everyone who
4 loves who we are. They become our hanai 'ohana, our extended
5 'ohana, because you know why, they count.

6 So you, you only counting everything that you're
7 doing in high academia, because I went to high academia, I sat
8 with those people. You need to do the right thing. Okay?

9 And sometimes age, Esther, doesn't have it's real
10 experience, but experience the heart of your people and speak
11 the heart of your people.

12 You too, Dawn. You're older, you should know
13 better. And I know how much money went in there and solar is
14 a big deal right now with you. You don't make like you don't
15 know. Okay? Because you like you don't know [inaudible].

16 I will summarize. I'm gonna summarize [inaudible].

17 Anyway, we're with you. Dig for the truth. There
18 is a hidden agenda. It is not [inaudible], because our
19 [inaudible] has aloha. Okay? And find out what is really
20 going on. I'm glad you said everything you did. All that
21 history brought us here today. Now we have to imua forward
22 and we will do it. And you know what, if this is the last
23 thing I do today, yeah, and I don't wake up tomorrow, just
24 remember, you [inaudible] the side of your face, you young
25 ones, that's all of us saying, Keep going. We love you, keep

1 going. Aloha.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: Aimola. [Inaudible.]

4 MR. CHEE: [Hawaiian language spoken.]

5 I'm glad to talk in front of you today, in front of
6 Lahaina. My family is the Mailoa family from Lahaina. I live
7 on Oahu now, but my grandfather was from this land, my tutu
8 [Hawaiian name] was from this land, they're all buried in this
9 land. I came from Hana with my mom's family, but that's my
10 dad's side. And I'm glad to say that Hana, a hundred percent
11 said no, a'ole, a'ole.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. CHEE: And I'm here to speak today for my
14 'ohana, whether they're here or not, I'm speaking for them.
15 [Inaudible.]

16 People, I had a conversation with someone that's a
17 friend from when I was little and she said this thing is not a
18 personal thing, but the truth is we all make personal
19 decisions in our life. We all decide if we're going to side
20 with our queen, our government, because our government legally
21 still exists today. We don't have the power because the
22 United States stole our government, but we decide who we're
23 going to side with, if we're going to side with our
24 government, because we are Hawaiian nationals. They cannot
25 steal our citizenship from us.

1 They told us we was Americans as we grew up, but we
2 are not American, none of my blood is American, none of my
3 'ohana, my kupuna was American. They're Portuguese, Chinese,
4 and kanaka. So I have no link to America for them to claim
5 that I'm an American citizen. And people make personal
6 decisions about whether you're going to be for the kingdom or
7 against the kingdom. And under the laws of the kingdom, which
8 today still exists, you either for the kingdom or you're
9 causing treason against the kingdom. And that's all a
10 personal decision to make. You're either working for the
11 Kingdom of Hawaii or you're working for the enemy.

12 The [inaudible], the enemy, that's what that song
13 says. And it says we'd rather eat rocks, we would rather eat
14 [Hawaiian word] pohaku than to give in to them and their lies
15 and their schemes, that's what these things are about.
16 They're about stealing your 'aina, that's what OHA is about,
17 coming and trying to get consolidation of our people and
18 consensus of our people to steal our 'aina, to steal our land,
19 to steal the sovereignty that we legally still are in
20 possession of to this day. That's what these people are here
21 for, because they know we legally never gave it to them. They
22 might have power, but they're occupying us as a military
23 occupation illegally.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. CHEE: And I tell you, kanaka, never sign that

1 paper, never give in to them. As our kupuna said, stand up
2 against them, stand up against these people. And teach your
3 children this, teach all your kids that, never give into them,
4 to those who betray us, betray the hui, betray the kingdom.
5 Because that's our 'aina, that's our kingdom, and they need to
6 restore to us what they stole from us.

7 That's what I say to [inaudible]. A'ole to
8 everything you said. Yes, it is a personal thing. And, yes,
9 I know some of you are good people, but, however, you need to
10 make right decisions or you're going to pay the consequences.
11 And the consequences for genocide, the consequences for coming
12 and doing destruction to our 'aina, and the criminal war
13 crimes that have taken place and the people who have made
14 decisions [inaudible] and are perpetuating these lies to our
15 people. Because the Americanization of the kanaka maoli is a
16 war crime, is an international war crime.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. CHEE: And people should be held accountable and
19 people should be tried for that and people should go to jail
20 for that. Mahalo.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. CHANG: Thank you. [Inaudible.] I have Yolanda
23 Dizon.

24 MS. DIZON: [Hawaiian language spoken.] Simply
25 said, when I invite someone into my home and feed you and

1 spend time with you, talk story with you, and you stay a few
2 days, that's [Hawaiian word], 'cause that's our way. Any time
3 somebody come to our house, we make sure we feed them, make
4 sure they full before they leave. But when that person I
5 invite into my home tell me later on, This is not your home
6 anymore, it's my home. You eat what I tell you to eat. That
7 yard out there is mine, it's not yours. And I'm thinking to
8 myself, Wait, how did this -- or why is that person saying
9 that? That's not right.

10 One time I ask the judge when I went to court for
11 legal -- for land issues, and I say, Judge, I have to explain
12 everything because no matter what, we charging with anarchy,
13 with our land, but the other -- the developers win, you know,
14 adverse. They say, But they're right, the developers are
15 right, they can have that. So this person in this house, what
16 the judge is telling me, they can steal or annex this
17 government, can come in to my hale, steal it, and under their
18 jurisdiction, it's okay.

19 Well, I'm sorry, it's not okay. We want to be
20 treated like United States government. We want to have
21 treaties. We want to be on the same level that the United
22 States has with other countries, not be on the bottom and you
23 guys just wanna -- holding us down and speaking for us. We
24 just want to be on the same level and treated as such with
25 respect. Because that's not right that the United States

1 government came into our hale and tell us that they can steal
2 everything or I can have this whole cake and I can feed the
3 crumbs and that's all you having. Because right now, that's
4 all we're getting, is the crumbs. Well, baby, I don't want
5 more crumbs, I want the whole cake. Okay? Mahalo.

6 And one more, it may not be personal for you all,
7 because, you know, your work, right, this is your business,
8 but for everyone here, we take it very personally. Mahalo.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CHANG: The last person tonight I have is Malu.

11 MS. KEALAKAI: You forget me.

12 MS. CHANG: Oh, no. You signed up too; right?

13 MS. KEALAKAI: [Inaudible.]

14 MS. CHANG: No, come on up. I'm going to let you
15 come up right now. Come up now.

16 MS. KEALAKAI: [Inaudible.]

17 MS. CHANG: No, no. You come up. You come up.

18 MS. KEALAKAI: Aloha.

19 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

20 MS. KEALAKAI: You know, in 2006 the legislature
21 okayed with OHA, 2006 it was OHA that recognized our
22 government. In 2008 it was the legislatures. Okay? The sad
23 part is that you want us to be government to government when
24 you don't have a government because you have a corporation.
25 And know that our presidents are supposed to know that they

1 were supposed to take care of us sovereign people. It's going
2 to be said that he's gonna come home one day, whether he's not
3 president or he is, and how is he going to feel if he doesn't
4 correct this situation? It's way overdue. This is a war
5 crime. [Inaudible] our people that we have treaty with.
6 There is a DVD that they have claimed that the U.S.A., the
7 corporation, has committed war crime.

8 And thanks to Keoni Sai, he said we were -- are not
9 ready. He had no right to say that because we are ready.

10 I went to Waimanalo, I went to Nanakuli, and I
11 went -- I came here also, and I went to the State Building to
12 listen. And it was said because I don't think you folks are
13 listening. You started with six people on your panel. Now,
14 if you're not leaving here and asking Akua if you had offended
15 us by words, actions, by thoughts; you'd better do it, because
16 what goes out, comes back and it's part of faith. Okay?

17 I don't want anything happening to you people, but
18 this is faith. What happened to the other male haole that was
19 doing most of the speaking? In the State Building he spoke
20 strong, but as the days went on, I watched him getting -- so
21 know that this is way overdue. Okay?

22 And if I have offended you in any way by my words,
23 my actions, and by my thoughts, I humbly ask you to forgive
24 me. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: I now have Makani Haia, Polinahe
2 Haia-Shim, and Lawakua Haia-Shim.

3 [CHILD 1] HAIA-SHIM: I am Lawakua Haia-Shim and my
4 answer is no.

5 [CHILD 2] HAIA-SHIM: [Inaudible] and my answer is
6 no.

7 [CHILD 3] HAIA-SHIM: Aloha.

8 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

9 [CHILD 3] HAIA-SHIM: [Inaudible] Haia-Shim.
10 [Hawaiian language spoken.] My answer is no.

11 MS. HAIA-SHIM: Mahalo.

12 Aloha.

13 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

14 MS. HAIA-SHIM: [Hawaiian language spoken.] My
15 answer to your question is no, a'ole. Thank you for coming
16 out. What everybody has spoken, they've spoken their heart.
17 I just hope that you guys can not only hear, feel, but as
18 you're putting on a good responsibility and do what you guys
19 had vowed to do as the chair of where we -- you know, what you
20 sit on. And just take it to heart that everybody here shares
21 their hearts and it's our life. It's our life that we're
22 talking about, it's not our job, it's not our -- you know, we
23 go home and not think about it. But we go home and this is
24 our life, this is who we are, and we're sharing our hearts, so
25 hear it, feel it, and do it. Thank you.

1 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: My last speaker is [Hawaiian name].

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER [a child]: Aloha.

5 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aloha.

7 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You know, here you are, then,
9 for hundreds and hundreds of years trying to convince us on
10 who we are and where we are and the role you play to support
11 us. Kahoolawe is like a place in point. We are a sovereign
12 entity which wanted to be a government and we said let's look
13 at the people, each and every one is a sovereign, inherent.

14 I was a resident in '77 and then I realized and woke
15 up as the political prisoner and economic hostage and slave
16 believing that I was always an American. I [inaudible] dual
17 citizenship and feel like those 80 years old, kupunas in their
18 seventies, who was born in 1890, they were raised as
19 three-year-old national Hawaiian citizens of Hawaii and all
20 the way to getting arrested on Kahoolawe.

21 Here we have stopped the bomb and here we have 400
22 million trying to look at an island when the world came to
23 desecrate it, burn it, bomb it, [inaudible] our fishing koa,
24 and yet we're trying to peacefully with 400 million build a
25 trustful relationship, with respect, to return with military

1 money again creating another state government with military
2 money who is supposed to have left 20 years ago when no longer
3 needed [inaudible]. The military left, but the State stayed,
4 spent \$30 million and want to stay for more years, 50 years
5 out bomb. [Inaudible] years, not ten, 70, and [inaudible]
6 another hundred years.

7 We could've build with [inaudible] million dollars
8 [inaudible] canoes for each and every island. Build all of
9 our canoes, divide [inaudible] with millions of dollars to
10 provide. I mean, you could tell them they need to leave. You
11 could recommend \$400 million for [inaudible] to try and have a
12 hooponopono to try and rebuild the relationship, the trust and
13 the respect that we have.

14 You cannot do something that you cannot do. It's
15 like [inaudible]. You have [inaudible] will always be and
16 then you have an 'ohana which can't be. It's a wanna be which
17 can never be.

18 (Laughter.)

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm just saying that.

20 I was lucky. From the [inaudible], 78
21 Constitutional Convention [inaudible] book one, book two, from
22 the presidential apology all the way to the settlement, \$400
23 million [inaudible] that they took, the military took 370.
24 [Inaudible] five years later in '98 and [inaudible] 2003 till
25 they left. They said [inaudible] they were finished. The

1 military left, but the state didn't leave and they spent the
2 30 million which was supposed to be given a portion to each of
3 the islands for sovereign -- not for governments, but just
4 people to begin a discussion about trying to restore an
5 island. We don't have many in our archipelago.

6 So, you know, the Interior, I know what [inaudible].
7 You know, we're lucky that we were able to get our [Hawaiian
8 word]. We were cultural [inaudible] our sacred [inaudible].
9 We are very fortunate and lucky, but we are the last, nothing
10 but the best. And I have to say [inaudible] if you want to do
11 something, then you need to stop, because you cannot do what
12 we can't do. I can show and tell you, but never do what only
13 you can do. I no can do that part.

14 So you're trying again to convince us because the
15 [inaudible] sovereign have died, all the grandchildren are now
16 here, and some have become who they said [inaudible] not to
17 become without realizing it, the [inaudible] government. And
18 I say that we need more discussion and you can try and listen
19 to the sovereigns, you have to. And I know [inaudible] you're
20 trying and I know there are others who will come after you,
21 because something happened that you have to undo, the whole
22 pono pono. That's why we created one pono pono, so we can
23 engage in this discussion to bring back the pono and start
24 with one island.

25 We [inaudible] the world [inaudible] washed up on

1 our shores [inaudible] the flies, the worms, the disease. Who
2 brought all of that? Including killing an island, desecrating
3 the watershed, burying the reef and coral and fish. And now
4 [inaudible] the forest is gone and it like stay [inaudible]
5 supposed to be there.

6 So I'm just saying that you can't do what you're
7 trying to do. And I think we need to look at the sovereign
8 and the people first before the government. You should
9 understand the division of church and state. Okay? We're not
10 the government, we are the people, [inaudible]. You should
11 take care of the people first 'cause you need the people.
12 [Inaudible] the people lose their trust and respect again.
13 And I think, you know, give us 400 million [inaudible]
14 settlement, give the people one chance with canoes and have
15 their final [inaudible] to begin to discuss this on
16 [inaudible] really has happened, on why you here, and what
17 you're doing.

18 Three questions: Why did you come here? Where do
19 you think you're going? And what [inaudible]?

20 [The speaker's following comments were
21 untranscribable.]

22 (Hawaiian song.)

23 (Meeting concluded at 8:49 p.m.)

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I, Sandra J. Gran, Certified Shorthand Reporter for the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify:

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