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14 Public Meeting regarding whether the Federal Government  
15 should re-establish a government-to-government relationship  
16 with the Native Hawaiian community.

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1 the way to our freedom. As the Almighty King speaks, it is  
2 spoken today. (Hawaiian language spoken)

3 Many days have gone by, but we are still in  
4 bondage. Our freedom exists, but we are here to fight for  
5 our freedom. As our heavens has allowed us to come and  
6 speak with this nation that has turned a blind eye, as if  
7 our freedom prevails in the wind. But make no mistake, as  
8 God has commanded this nation, take another look, as we are  
9 the people of the world. Mahalo. (Applause)

10 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, John. I have Alan  
11 Santos, William King, Johanna Kamaunu.

12 MR. ALAN SANTOS: Aloha, panel, everyone here. I  
13 am Alan Makaliliokulani Santos. (Hawaiian language spoken)  
14 To your questions, a'ole to all five. Please forgive me if  
15 I offended you in any way. We come with peace, love and  
16 aloha. Mahalo. (Applause)

17 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, Alan. William,  
18 Johanna and James.

19 MR. WILLIAM KING: Aloha kakou, panel members.  
20 Welcome to Maui. I hope that your stay here has been  
21 pleasant and informative. The views that I'm about to share  
22 are my own. (Hawaiian language spoken) My name is William  
23 King, I live here on Maui, I am of part Hawaiian ancestry.

24 I want to tell you a little story (Hawaiian  
25 language spoken) about the counting of our people. In 1890

1 there was a census. The people of the Kingdom of Hawaii  
2 were counted. About 85 percent were native born, 15 percent  
3 were naturalized of foreign birth, but by royal decree they  
4 were granted every right and privilege of native born. The  
5 Hawaiian Kingdom of 1890, and three years later at the time  
6 of the overthrow, was diverse racially. There was no blood  
7 quantum requirement.

8           Every decade the U.S. government holds a census.  
9 So four years ago (Hawaiian language spoken), the messenger  
10 of the government arrived at my front door. He handed me a  
11 paper, the census, and asked me to complete it. I said,  
12 "Sure, give it to me in olelo Hawaii, one of two officials  
13 languages of our state." He said, "Sorry, I cannot. I have  
14 it in six languages, but not Hawaiian. I can give you  
15 language A, or I can get you language A in 50 additional  
16 tongues, including Samoan, Tongan, Navaho, but not  
17 Hawaiian."

18           After much discussion, I finally conceded, and I  
19 filled out the census form in English, as required by law.  
20 There's a penalty for failing to do so. (Hawaiian language  
21 spoken), wrong neck government. So almost pau. Some might  
22 argue that this is (Hawaiian language spoken), it's a small  
23 thing. But the issue here is not the compulsory filing of a  
24 simple form, it's the systematic suppression of the language  
25 and the culture. The dubious acts of the United States

1 government did not begin and end in 1893 with the overthrow,  
2 they continue to this day. Mahalo nui loa. (Applause)

3 FACILITATOR CHANG: Johanna, James Sagawinit,  
4 Joyclynn Costa.

5 MS. JOHANNA KAMAUNU: Aloha. My name is Johanna  
6 Kamaunu. I'm from Waihe'e, Maui. I'm here because I needed  
7 to be sure that you understood my position in this. I come  
8 from a family who claims kuleana lands. We are descended  
9 from the original Land Commission awarding Royal Patents.  
10 We still retain our lands today. My husband's family also  
11 retains their lands today.

12 Because of this, the constitution you folks hope  
13 to craft needs to include those things, those rights that  
14 our lands are awarded to us by. We have not had any  
15 assurances on what will happen to us. If you were to do  
16 anything, I would say educate. We have been bombarded in  
17 the media by Kana'iolo'owalu, and have had nothing said about  
18 our history.

19 I've been looking over this material that you  
20 handed out to us, and even on page 4 the history that you  
21 have here is sorely lacking. It's significantly diminished  
22 from what we know. And if we as a people are only known by  
23 that information, how can we make sound decisions? How can  
24 you even make a sound decision? So that would be my  
25 encouragement to you. And I know time is of the essence,

1 and that's all I really want to say right now. Thank you.

2 (Applause)

3 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you very much. James,  
4 Joyclynn, and Clare Apana.

5 MR. JAMES SAGAWINIT: I'm James Sagawinit. I come  
6 from Haiku. I wonder, I wonder, I wonder. I wonder why my  
7 mama never teach me Hawaiian. She said, "Study English.  
8 Study English and know it well, because this is going to  
9 come the time where the people who supposed to know English  
10 not reading what the Queen said."

11 And I'm happy that I have the chance to look at  
12 you guys, and it's been too long, too long, too long that  
13 we've been waiting all this time to see what's happening.  
14 And you guys sitting down at the table supposed to know, and  
15 supposed to read the history of Hawaii, and where we are  
16 now. I don't know that the kanaka exists to you guys, but  
17 we are, we exist. We're not tourists of this land, we keiki  
18 o ka aina of this land. This land is never stolen, it's  
19 always here.

20 But somebody else think that they can come in and  
21 palapala and get the land. No, no. Look at your genealogy,  
22 look at where you come from. You know where you belong. We  
23 don't own nothing, but I tell you I have interest in this  
24 land. All of us have interest in this land. So beware, and  
25 make it right. Too long already. Make it right. Mahalo.

1 (Applause)

2 FACILITATOR CHANG: Joyclynn, Clare, and Jonathan  
3 Davis.

4 MS. JOYCLYNN COSTA: My name is Joyclynn Costa.  
5 That was my father that was speaking. He's nearly 80 years  
6 old. I come to you with a notice of cease and desist. This  
7 is how I will answer your questions. Thank you for your  
8 offer to contract with the organization known as the  
9 Department of the Interior Corporation. After careful  
10 review and much ambiguity in the language of your text, I  
11 must humbly decline your offer.

12 Perhaps you will be willing to take up an offer to  
13 engage instead in a settlement agreement and finalization to  
14 restore our Queen's authority left in the care of your  
15 president, the Honorable Barrack H. Obama, so the people of  
16 this land can resume legislative session in the true nature  
17 of its nation.

18 My answer to your offer is as follows: I decline  
19 your offer to contract due to liability and participating in  
20 an act of treason in accordance to the Hawaiian Kingdom law,  
21 constitution, declaration of rights. I choose to uphold the  
22 intent of the 1897 petition to protest the annexation of the  
23 Hawaiian islands, and I'll have it printed as far as the  
24 text.

25 I further make my declaration to reserve all



1 rights and waive none as a protected person in accordance to  
2 27-10, Chapter 6, the Law of Occupation. I hereby place my  
3 hand upon this notice and declaration to uphold the truth,  
4 and may God be my witness and guide. This is my prayer.

5           You come as salesmen stated in the purpose of your  
6 proposed Rule 109-A, as in Alexander, B as in Baldwin, 05  
7 to solicit a relationship with the native Hawaiian  
8 community. Blacks Law's definition of solicitation is,  
9 "Inciting another to commitment a crime." You identify two  
10 parties of whom you are soliciting, one is the native  
11 Hawaiian, the other with small N big H, the other is a  
12 Native Hawaiian, big N big H. One is any races that  
13 inhabited the islands from 1778. The other is to consent to  
14 become a Native American.

15           I just want to close in one saying: According to  
16 your constitution, the founding father, George Washington,  
17 stated, If to please the people we offer what we ourselves  
18 disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work?" Thank  
19 you. (Applause)

20           FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, Joyclynn. Clare  
21 Apana, Jonathan Davis and Jack.

22           MS. CLARE APANA: This is Clare Apana from  
23 Wailuku, and I'm here speaking. Ironically you're in the  
24 sand dunes, which I've been fighting for respect for our iwi  
25 for many years. This country has set up a system where not

1 even our iwi can be respected. And after many years, many  
2 Hawaiians allowing this to happen, they are still in danger  
3 of being sand mined.

4 So I say no to your five questions. And for our  
5 kupuna who have waded in the sand, who get sand mined,  
6 broken up by the D-9's, and then put together in a little  
7 hole with a slab of concrete on it that says, "Kapu,  
8 Hawaiian burials."

9 I have to say they've been waiting for hundreds of  
10 years for us to come back and bring back the life to this  
11 land. And this is not the way to do it, because this is not  
12 the correct process. You have to go back to the beginning.

13 Correct the wrong. Recognize that you are in a country  
14 unauthorized, and occupying it, and go from there. We don't  
15 go to the interior department, this is not the right place.

16 We already have a way set up by Kamehameha III to  
17 have treaties and communicate with the United States. You  
18 need to go back to your own laws and recognize you are  
19 occupying another nation illegally, and go from there.

20 Thank you very much. (Applause)

21 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Clare. I have  
22 Jonathan Davis, Jack, and Charley V.

23 MR. JONATHAN DAVIS: Aloha kakou. My name is  
24 Jonathan Davis. I wasn't actually planning to testify here  
25 tonight, but real quick, two minutes isn't enough time for

1 all these people who have been waiting, and all their  
2 ancestors have been waiting for how long.

3 And to cut real close to the point, I'm going to  
4 say no to all five of the questions. And also the people of  
5 Hawaii are kanaka maoli. And there's also non-kanaka maoli  
6 that were born and raised in the Kingdom of Hawaii. And I'm  
7 an actual descendant of that.

8 So with that being said, I'd just like to say that  
9 the people of Hawaii are indigenous to Hawaii, not  
10 indigenous to America. Thank you. (Applause)

11 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Jonathan. I have  
12 Jack, Charley V, Dr. Sydney and Lesley Iaukea. Jack,  
13 Charley V, and then Dr. Sydney Iaukea.

14 MR. CHARLEY VILLARON: (Hawaiian language spoken)  
15 Charley Villaron. It's the airship designated by (Hawaiian  
16 language spoken) For all the assets in the kingdom, so I  
17 claim that. I also say no to all the questions. I'm going  
18 to get right on, I only get two minutes.

19 So my comment is what man made for evil, these  
20 hearings deceptive, God made for good. He went wake up the  
21 kanaka. The kanaka stay underneath the shark. I love that.  
22 That I'm thankful for. So what the medicine? You know what  
23 the medicine is? Let us not speak of sovereignty any more  
24 unless we're willing to speak sovereign God. Amen? Speak  
25 sovereign God only or it's not going to happen.

1           It's not about genealogy, it's not about who you  
2 are, it's the credit going to our sovereign God. No need  
3 worry about who you are, You know, I'm not this. We're all  
4 alii. You know why we're all alii? Because our father is  
5 the alii nui. That's the way we believe. All you guys with  
6 sad faces, that's the way I talk.

7           Again now, besides that, what we've got to do is  
8 when we come with our families, we come with our churches,  
9 we come with our civic groups, we come with our home state  
10 groups, pule. Pule first when we discuss sovereignty. Ask  
11 the spirit to come down and pa'a us together so we're one,  
12 because that's all we need. I going get into some stuff.  
13 We're so close. We have no idea how close we are. We stay  
14 close.

15           So now let me get this straight. I'm going to see  
16 if I can get something from the panel. Esther, do you  
17 represent the United States government?

18           FACILITATOR CHANG: I'm sorry, they're not going  
19 to answer.

20           MR. CHARLEY VILLARON: You know why, because  
21 they're not one government, they're one bankrupt  
22 corporation. You're a bankrupt corporation. Who would  
23 benefit -- if it were a free country, who would benefit from  
24 a bankrupt corporation? It's a dead beat deal. We're not  
25 going to happen. It's not going to happen, yeah. Nobody

1 like say that. She's telling me no say that to them. But,  
2 you know, I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

3 So you know what, what is the resolution? In this  
4 binder I get the most powerful sovereign documents in the  
5 archipelago. We are operating our (Hawaiian language  
6 spoken) Since 2009 on the Iolani Palace. Nobody can take us  
7 off. They went try arrest us, and they went dismiss the  
8 case. Pau? Oh, my goodness.

9 Anybody like know, I get all the documents right  
10 here. We've got to move. Hawai'ianair.net, in one week you  
11 guys going find all the documents. We know where we going.  
12 All we got to do is march down King Street and puka the  
13 palace and take over the rotunda. All legal. (Applause)

14 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, Charley.

15 MR. CHARLEY VILLARON: One more thing, one more  
16 thing (Hawaiian language spoken).

17 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Dr. Sydney Iaukea,  
18 Lesley Iaukea, and Frederick Pu.

19 DR. SYDNEY IAUKEA: Aloha 'aina. My name is  
20 Sydney Iaukea. I live and work on Oahu, but I had to come  
21 home to Maui, I'm born and raised here. And I thank the  
22 kupuna and Uncle Les that taught me aloha 'aina.

23 I'm so excited to be here, this is amazing. And  
24 I'm excited to be part of the huli that hulis everything  
25 that went wrong. You can't tell me we are American Indian,

1 because my kupuna is Curtis Iaukea. He was an international  
2 foreign diplomat, proud national of the Hawaiian Kingdom,  
3 who represented Hawaii around the world.

4 I've read his diaries. I read the countries about  
5 his trips to where he's been, the different countries, the  
6 kings and queens that he met, the people that he met, the  
7 ideas that he engaged with, everything. And I am proof of  
8 that sovereign history, because I'm here, I exist. We all  
9 exist. We're all proof of that lahui.

10 So there's no way, there's no way I could not be  
11 here to say no. And there's been a moth following me around  
12 since I got here. So I missed all your meetings on the  
13 other islands, and I had to come home.

14 I just want to say one thing. (Hawaiian language  
15 spoken) Is the directive that Queen Liliokalani gave to her  
16 trustees when she was fighting for the crown land revenues,  
17 and trying to protect her trust. (Hawaiian language spoken)  
18 Stay strong, stay strong, stay strong. And those words keep  
19 coming up. She kept saying it. She repeated it  
20 continuously, and those really are the words that keep  
21 coming up for me when I see you.

22 And when I see us, look, Maui, this is amazing.  
23 Thank you for letting me be here. No to all your questions.  
24 We are not for sale. Aloha 'aina. (Applause)

25 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Lesley Iaukea,

1 Frederick Pu, and Robert Kama. Is Lesley here?

2 MS. LESLEY IAUKEA: Aloha mai kakou. That's my  
3 sister. She's better than me, though. So my name is Lesley  
4 Iaukea. I was born and raised here on Maui, and I come from  
5 the ahupua'a of Hali'imaile. I trace my genealogy back  
6 generations, 68 generations. For me and my family there's  
7 no question in our loyalty. We support our queen and our  
8 ancestors forever.

9 For 121 years we have been illegally occupied by  
10 your country, but this is not all you did. You made sure to  
11 put the cultural bomb into full affect by taking away our  
12 language and teaching us your history, and not our own,  
13 thereby totally alienating us from who we are. But what you  
14 didn't realize is that our ancestors left us our history  
15 through petroglyphs, through song, through stars, and  
16 through the (Hawaiian language spoken).

17 Today we are thriving. We know our history, and  
18 our language is coming back. And now we know your laws  
19 better than you do. Your questions are one sided and  
20 transparent, and of course I say no to them. These hearings  
21 are unconstitutional, and the Department of Interior has no  
22 authority to enter into such hearings with our people. You  
23 have no business being here, because we are not American.

24 These hearings and the secret meetings that you  
25 had over the past two weeks prove how deceitful your

1 government is. We will always show resistance to your  
2 occupation. The question today is not what the DOI can do  
3 for us, but what can we do for ourselves. (Hawaiian  
4 language spoken) (Applause)

5 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Frederick Pu and Robert  
6 Kama.

7 MR. FREDERICK PU: Aloha sisters and brothers.  
8 Aloha panel members. My name is Frederick Pu. And what an  
9 awesome site. Look at all the brothers and sisters here  
10 tonight. They're tired of what's happening. This is so  
11 beautiful, so beautiful. Thank you Uncle Lesley. Nice to  
12 see our kupunas here.

13 My thing honestly is I'm a Hawaiian, I'm a kanaka,  
14 but I can't speak Hawaiian, because we weren't allowed to do  
15 it in our time. But what touches me so much, and is so  
16 beautiful and sweet, is our keiki kane and our keiki wahine,  
17 they speak so beautiful Hawaiian English. Beautiful, and I  
18 love that. And I feel shame because I wish I could speak  
19 like our little ones. But they are the ones that's going to  
20 come up. They are the ones that will bring the kanaka  
21 maolis together.

22 All I ask of you is this. For the 14 or 15  
23 meetings that you guys been here, please, please don't  
24 listen with your ears, but as Akua said, from the heart.  
25 But not just from the heart, but deep, deep, deep, deep down



1 in your heart. And when you go back, when you sit down with  
2 your bosses, speak to them, but from the heart, from the  
3 heart.

4 Please, because this, when you speak from the  
5 heart, what God gives you he sends his spirit to your heart,  
6 and when you go back and you speak to your bosses, you speak  
7 from your heart. God willing that could change and make a  
8 big, big difference for all our sisters and brothers here  
9 tonight. And not only here, the whole state of Hawaii, the  
10 island chain. Mahalo and God bless. (Applause)

11 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Robert Kama and then  
12 Wayne Kaneshiro, and Toni Cravalho.

13 MR. ROBERT KALEOLANI KAMA: Aloha kakou. My name  
14 is Robert Kaleolani Kama, born a kanaka, and will testify on  
15 behalf of our Hawaiian Kingdom. My testimony regarding all  
16 19 questions, not five, asked by the DOI is absolutely a no  
17 on all counts.

18 The majority of our Hawaiian people have spoken  
19 only the truth in their testimony. And my opinion, my  
20 opinion is the panelists of the DOI has traveled to our  
21 Hawaiian Islands in vain. Many of our Hawaiian people wants  
22 to know why Secretary John Kerry has not answered  
23 Kamanao pono's letter asking a simple but important question:  
24 Is the Hawaiian Kingdom still in existence according to the  
25 international laws. The answer to this question is a simple

1 yes or no, and yet a distinguished leader of the powerful  
2 United States government is afraid to step to the plate and  
3 do the right thing for himself and his country.

4           However, our Hawaiian leader, Kamanaopono Crabbe,  
5 showed the world with no fear of incriminating himself and  
6 his position, stood strong and confronted the United States  
7 government by himself. He didn't need no military that is  
8 occupying our beautiful Hawaiian Islands. He felt what was  
9 right for all his Hawaiians, and that is why we are here  
10 tonight. He is a fearless and akamai kanaka maoli leader  
11 showing America how it's done.

12           The letter Kamanaopono delivered is the reason our  
13 lahui has united evening stronger than ever, and is showing  
14 our strength and endurance as the kanaka maoli. Love and  
15 aloha, malama pono, imua. (Applause)

16           FACILITATOR CHANG: Wayne Kaneshiro, Toni Cravalho  
17 and Greg Cravalho.

18           MR. WAYNE KANESHIRO: Aloha kakou. My name is  
19 Wayne Kaneshiro, and I'm from the island of Maui. I'm here  
20 to express my opposition to any assistance by the Secretary  
21 of the US Department of the Interior to reorganize the  
22 native Hawaiian community under tribal framework in order to  
23 establish a government-to-government relationship similar to  
24 the American Indians and the Alaskan natives. My opposition  
25 is likewise applicable to the five threshold questions you

1 seek to resolve.

2           The reorganization under a tribal framework is  
3 unwanted, unlawful, unnecessary, and unconstitutional in  
4 accordance with the US Constitution and its supremacy  
5 clause. Before the US can establish any type of  
6 relationship with the Hawaiian community other than  
7 nation-to-nation, it has the burden to prove the sovereign  
8 continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom has ceased to exist.

9           The US, as well as other countries, entered into  
10 treaties with the Hawaiian Kingdom, which to date has never  
11 been extinguished, and remain valid due to the unbroken  
12 continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Agreements must be  
13 kept.

14           In closing, I must insist that you take no further  
15 action for the establishment of a Native Hawaiian  
16 government-to-government relationship. It's imperative for  
17 you to immediately inform the US government officials in  
18 Washington, DC that the Hawaiian community has spoken and  
19 made it clear to you that the US must provide sufficient  
20 evidence to show that the sovereign continuity of the  
21 Hawaiian Kingdom had been extinguished. And if it cannot,  
22 it must take immediate steps to de-occupy the sovereign  
23 independent nation of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

24           On a final note, it should be evident to all of  
25 you that OHA, a US entity created to represent the Hawaiian

1 community, has failed to express the concerns of the lahui,  
2 and served only to benefit their own self interest. If OHA  
3 is not serving the people it's supposed to represent, then  
4 would who are they representing? I believe an immediate  
5 investigation must be initiated on this matter. (Applause)

6 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. Toni Cravalho,  
7 Greg Cravalho, and David Ham.

8 MS. NOELANI CRAVALHO: Aloha kakou. My name is  
9 Noelani Cravalho. Do you know in 1897 the scene looked like  
10 this? They were all here. They were opposing the  
11 annexation. Mrs. Campbell, president of the Hawaiian  
12 Woman's Patriotic League of Hilo, stood and spoke these  
13 words, "Stand firm, my friends. Love of country means more  
14 to you and me than anything else. Be brave, be strong, have  
15 courage and patience. Our time will come."

16 Sign the petition, those of you who love Hawaii.  
17 How many, how many will sign? In the same year, same month,  
18 on the 30th of September a Merriam Michaelson wrote an  
19 article as she was leaving on a ship to San Francisco.  
20 There her article was published in San Francisco. The  
21 paper's name was called The Call. Merriam was an American  
22 journalist and a writer.

23 Her story was written around a signature petition.  
24 We locals know it as the Ku'e Petition against annexation  
25 being gathered by the Hawaiian Patriotic League, Kui Aloha

1 Aina, throughout the islands, and she bore witness to one of  
2 those meetings in Hilo, Hawaii. This powerful article spoke  
3 into the issue of annexation from the Hawaiian perspective.

4 The title of the article, Strangling Hands Upon a  
5 Nations Throat, speaks clearly to the veracity of what the  
6 reader will read. Not known at the time was whether or not  
7 the Ku'e Petition would prevent the US senate from ratifying  
8 the so-called treaty petition.

9 Before the senate convened in 1897, three years  
10 after the illegal occupancy, officers of the Hawaiian  
11 Patriotic League and the Hawaiian Political Association  
12 traveled to Washington DC and met with Senator George Fore  
13 of Massachusetts. He agreed to submit the signature  
14 petition onto the record of the senate when it convened.  
15 And by March of 1998, the Ku'e Petition successfully killed  
16 the treaty, as the senate could not garner enough votes for  
17 ratification.

18 The US has no claim. There is no Treaty of  
19 Annexation. All we have is a joint resolution passed by the  
20 US congress, a law limited to the US territory -- that is in  
21 your history books and your law books -- not relevant to the  
22 Kingdom of Hawaii. That's like today trying to annex Canada  
23 or Mexico to the US.

24 We as kanaka maolis and Hawaiian nationals are  
25 paralyzed by indoctrination of the western lies and

1 thinking. We have to look back. We have to. Yes to move  
2 forward, but move forward in truth. Onipa'a kua'ea. Mahalo.  
3 (Applause)

4 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I have Greg  
5 Cravalho, David Ham, and Tisha-Marie Beattie.

6 MR. GREG CRAVALHO: Aloha kakou. I am kanaka o  
7 Hawaii. I am a man of Hawaii. I am Hawaiian by  
8 nationality. My great-grandfather was invited here by the  
9 kingdom, and the land that we live on has a Royal Patent  
10 Grant given by the kingdom. My wife's side she comes from  
11 I'i, and the aina that we live on is exactly middle of the  
12 whole ahupua'a that was their kuleana. And I married my  
13 wife and brought her back to really where her family was  
14 from. It's quite interesting.

15 I want to move on here. It's interesting that we  
16 now have a hearing over with the DOI, and we still don't  
17 know the answers to the questions. And mahalo to Kamao  
18 Crabbe for his letter.

19 We know the legal law status of Hawaii. Aye? We  
20 know. What needs to be established is -- you folks have  
21 heard it, I am not going to repeat what everybody else has  
22 said. The interesting thing is I am a victim of the  
23 indoctrination of the fraud. In 1906 they came through the  
24 Board of Education, through all the keikis for take away the  
25 language, the culture, everything. And not until maybe

1 about four years ago, yet it was in my heart, because no  
2 matter where I went they asked me what I was. I said I was  
3 Hawaiian.

4 I went to Costa Rico, they asked me, "You are not  
5 American. What are you?" I said, "You are correct, I am  
6 Hawaiian." And the interesting thing is she put her hand on  
7 my heart and she said, "We call you Kiko." That would be  
8 the same as if you call somebody that they're local. In  
9 other words, we have the same heart. We have the same view  
10 and culture and love.

11 And what I want to say is, I am the victim that  
12 have now the veil has dropped, and the only way the veil  
13 will be dropped is by being educated, and that's how I had  
14 the veil drop for me. And what I want to say is thank you  
15 for being so kind to me. What I want to say is (Hawaiian  
16 language spoken). (Applause)

17 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. I have David Ham,  
18 Tisha-Marie Beattie and then number 20 is Dane Maxwell.

19 MR. DAVID HAM: Aloha. My name is David J. Ham.  
20 I'm very nervous to be here, but for this cause I'm here.  
21 Very interesting times we're living in, very exciting. And  
22 I'd like to say that it's interesting what has happened this  
23 year with what happened with Russia invading the Ukraine.  
24 You know, your boss, our President Obama, he condemned it  
25 because it was illegal.

1           The only thing that separates that crime and what  
2 happened in Hawaii during the illegal overthrow is time.  
3 That time never change. People change, but the laws that  
4 govern us, international laws, those things don't change.  
5 And what I want to say is politics change; time, laws don't  
6 change.

7           My grandparents, (unintelligible) and Victoria  
8 Akona, they would always say -- in their home they would  
9 have a common word, "By right." Conversations always by  
10 right. I'm saying by right do the right thing. Do the  
11 right thing. Because it was wrong then; it is wrong now.  
12 Do the right thing. Pono. Thank you. (Applause)

13           FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. I have Tisha-Marie,  
14 and after that, Dane Maxwell, and Hiilei Maxwell-Juan.

15           MS. TISHA-MARIE BEATTIE: Aloha. My name is  
16 Tisha-Marie Kekumu Beattie. I want to say to my ohana over  
17 here how humbling it is to see everybody here. To come as  
18 one, which has brought so much joy to my heart. As an opi'o  
19 I grew up in a Hawaiian family that fought for Hawaiian  
20 rights, and the common denominator was always separation  
21 from everything. And to see in my generation and in my  
22 time, this. This is so important for our children, for our  
23 kupuna, for our grandchildren, and then on, and everyone who  
24 came before us.

25           Your answer from me is no. You cannot give me



1 back something I never gave up. I am forever Hawaiian, and  
2 you can never take that away. What you took from me, from  
3 my people, is ethnicide. You took away my culture, my  
4 language, my history. I listened to my kupuna cry because  
5 they cannot even talk to the children and teach them what  
6 they need to know. Genealogy was forbidden.

7           Only through language, try find some of our  
8 records, no can. Killing off our family because why? Alii.  
9 Pau, no more your line. My line, my kekumu line dying  
10 because what you felt was perfect for us was not. You  
11 illegal. You don't belong in my land. I am. We never gave  
12 up our sovereignty, you took away from us. Took it.

13           You stay here in my country telling me what you  
14 can do for me? No. You owe me an apology. You owe all of  
15 us an apology. Nothing you can say going replace anything  
16 that you have done. We will rebuild us. We will get  
17 together. We going provide.

18           You guys need us because we are in the perfect  
19 area. Perfect strategically. Perfect for military  
20 purposes. United States had treaties with the Hawaiian  
21 people. They broke it. They were told by the United  
22 Nations "Return Hawaii." Did they do it? No. They are no  
23 better than the terrorists that they claim to fight against.

24           Hawaiians continue to be victims of the illegal  
25 society that you put upon us. I am not American. I am

1 American by default, not by choice. I am kanaka. I am a  
2 Hawaiian citizen, born in my koko, learning from my  
3 generations of family and friends. And you know what?  
4 Plenty non-Hawaiians.

5 I'm so proud of them for coming up here and saying  
6 what you guys did was wrong. Because it's not just the  
7 Hawaiian people by koko, it's the Hawaiian people by heart  
8 that going fight with us to the very end. Take your thing  
9 you want to give us, throw 'em in the trash. We don't want  
10 it. We sovereign. Another country cannot take our  
11 sovereignty. You just need to take your stuff and leave.  
12 Thank you. (Applause)

13 FACILITATOR CHANG: Number 20 is Dane Maxwell,  
14 then Hiilei Maxwell-Juan, and Sheri Maxwell.

15 MR. DANE MAXWELL: (Hawaiian language spoken)  
16 Aloha. My name is Dane Maxwell, I'm Uluweheokalani Maxwell,  
17 and I'm speaking on behalf of my wife my two children. I am  
18 a kanaka maoli, and I'm here to testify in opposition to all  
19 proposed questions. My answer is a firm a'ole.

20 I believe that the United States needs to provide  
21 restitution and protection for kanaka maoli in our current  
22 programs, but I do not believe that federal recognition is  
23 the proper vehicle to mend the relationships between our two  
24 nations.

25 Last week I visited a Native American reservation

1 in Washington state and witnessed first-hand what it looks  
2 like. There are no physical walls surrounding it, but it  
3 feels more like a prison than freedom. Rundown homes,  
4 tattered roads, and families who are living in poverty. I  
5 refuse to allow my keiki to fall into the pitfalls of  
6 federal recognition.

7 To our lahui, when your ohana and friends say you  
8 can't or you'll never get your nation back, and you begin to  
9 waiver, remember Hokule'a, remember Kahoolawe. Those were  
10 cannots; those were a'oles. But look at us. Our lahui  
11 banded together with an intelligence and perseverance and  
12 made it possible. Your reality is yours to change.  
13 Believe, ku'e, like our kupuna and the ku'e petition. I'll  
14 leave you folks with this, and join me if you know it.  
15 (Hawaiian language spoken). Mahalo. (Applause)

16 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I have Hiilei, and  
17 then Sheri, and Clifford Naeole.

18 MS. HIILEI MAXWELL-JUAN: Aloha. How I'm going  
19 copy that, or top that, right? Aloha, I'm Hiilei  
20 Maxwell-Juan. I represent my family, and my dad would have  
21 been so proud of all of you. I represent our kupuna as  
22 well. I read, you know, what we were given to my keiki, and  
23 they couldn't understand, you know. And I'm really upset  
24 right now, especially with the words, "Facilitated by the  
25 State of Hawaii to the extent such a process is consistent

1 with federal law."

2           You telling me you guys like control us again,  
3 which we cannot. Why would we be controlled again? So I'm  
4 going to put it short for this matter, all five I say a'ole.  
5 Aloha. (Applause)

6           FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. Sheri Maxwell,  
7 Clifford Naeole, and Jennifer Ahia.

8           MS. SHERI MAXWELL: Aloha. My name is Sheri Ann  
9 Hinano Maxwell. You have come here to Hawaii to ask the  
10 kanaka maoli to literally hand over the Hawaiian Kingdom.  
11 How dare you? Do you really think your questions would be  
12 welcomed? Laws were broken; nothing was done. Hawaii was  
13 apologized to, but nothing has been done since then.

14           This is not the way to make things pono. A'ole to  
15 your questions. Come back when you decide how to help the  
16 Hawaiian people rebuild what was wrongfully stolen. But  
17 what my father, Charles Kauluwehe Maxwell, Senior would say  
18 for right now, go home. (Applause)

19           FACILITATOR CHANG: Clifford, Jennifer, and Joey  
20 Reynon.

21           MR. CLIFFORD NAEOLE: Aloha. I am (Hawaiian  
22 language spoken) of Waiehu, raised in the taro patches, and  
23 I am here because, like all of us are here, because we're  
24 part of who we were, we're part of who we are, and I am  
25 going to be very proud of who we will be tomorrow and the

1 future coming forward.

2 My answers to all your questions is no, straight  
3 across the board. Straight across the board. I refuse to  
4 reclassify myself as a tribe. I don't want a  
5 government-to-government domestic relationship. I want a  
6 nation-to-nation international relationship. That is what  
7 is due to us, absolutely.

8 You know, I have a question for you. You have my  
9 nose. How come Hawaiians have to qualify to be Hawaiian in  
10 Hawaii? It makes no sense. It makes no sense. It confuses  
11 us, it divides us, and then we have all these mixed  
12 emotions. So please think about that.

13 When you have your report, how are you going to  
14 put all these emotions into words? Whoever that report goes  
15 to, somehow got to show the emotions of our people. We  
16 don't want pity, we want pono, because as we here sitting  
17 down now, our canoes are being launched, our hula is being  
18 danced, our ole is being chanted. Our pules are being  
19 prayed, and our kids are learning the language. And we huli  
20 that will never disappear. We're fighting for our water  
21 every single day. And trust me, we going be here long  
22 after. Because I tell you what, blood is thicker than the  
23 paper.

24 I'm going close with what my mom told me. She  
25 told me, "Son, I told you no once. I told you no twice.

1 Don't let me tell you no three times, because we know what  
2 going happen." Mahalo, thank you. (Applause)

3 FACILITATOR CHANG: Jennifer Ahia, Joey Reynon,  
4 and Ashley Naone.

5 MS. JENNIFER NOELANI AHIA: Aloha mai kakou.  
6 (Hawaiian language spoken) I am here on behalf of my kupuna,  
7 makua, my generation, and the many generations to come. I  
8 am of kanaka maoli, Portuguese, English, Irish, French and  
9 Scottish ancestries, that I know of. I was born on that  
10 continent to the east of us belonging to the first nation's  
11 people over there and their supporters. I was raised as an  
12 American, not knowing that America was built on the blood of  
13 the American Indians and on the backs of the slaves. It's  
14 not something I'm proud of.

15 And then several years ago my kupuna on the other  
16 side, from this ancestral homeland of mine, called me home.  
17 And so I came, and I've been observing and learning about my  
18 culture and my history. So I speak to you today as a  
19 Hawaiian National of mixed ancestry.

20 The Hawaiian Kingdom was represented by many  
21 ethnicities that pledged loyalty to our queen, the aina, the  
22 culture, the ways of life, and the world view of this place.  
23 The Hawaiian nation state was, is, and will continue to be  
24 sovereign. And so to all questions put forth by the  
25 Department of the Interior, my answer is no. The Department

1 of Interior has no jurisdiction here. Your office is  
2 irrelevant here unless you have the authority facilitate  
3 de-occupation of Hawaii.

4 I mean no disrespect to you as individuals, and I  
5 mahalo you for coming. I honor and respect my first nation  
6 brothers and sisters you represent on the continent and  
7 throughout the world. There is no conflict between kanaka  
8 maoli and other first nation's people. The conflict is  
9 between the Hawaiian nation and the American government, who  
10 illegally occupy this land. The solution is de-occupation.  
11 Mahalo. (Applause)

12 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. I have Joey, Ashley  
13 Naone and Greg Juan.

14 MR. JOEY REYNON: Aloha, panel. Aloha, everyone.  
15 Yeah, I just wanted to answer the questions already. It's  
16 no. But since you guys are here, you know what you guys can  
17 do for us now? The Hawaiian Homes Act, the blood quantum,  
18 that needs to be dropped, gone already, because every  
19 Hawaiian should be able to qualify for Hawaiian Homes.

20 And the education system, I'm kind of disappointed  
21 as a father, because I can't do nothing about it except  
22 speak, and then my words just go like just get thrown out.  
23 And I watch my kids fall through the education process,  
24 because I fell through the education process through the  
25 indoctrination too, because that thing passed down through

1 generations and generations below.

2           And, you know, we need to start training our  
3 children already, you know. Hawaiian people, we need to  
4 start teaching our children already to revive the language.  
5 But yeah, my answer to the questions is no. Thank you,  
6 mahalo. (Applause)

7           FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Joey. Ashley,  
8 Greg, and then Raymond.

9           MS. ASHLEY NAONE: Aloha. My name is Ashley  
10 Naone, and so just the Department of Interior, my answers to  
11 your question and the document you presented is no, because  
12 of the truth. The truth is that the Kingdom of Hawaii was  
13 internationally and legally established in the 1800's, and  
14 still remains legally intact today.

15           A part of that, I was asked by a family member to  
16 show this. This is one of the people who went around the  
17 globe to gather treaties for us, Timothy Haaneleo. I guess  
18 the next step would be remedy. So to remedy the acts  
19 committed against the Hawaiian government, or our kingdom  
20 under US occupation. Please address Kamanao Crabbe's  
21 questions.

22           When you go back to America, respectfully, please  
23 begin the process of de-occupation. And a suggestion,  
24 include a third-party nation to balance the scales of  
25 justice. And realize that de-occupation is not a



1 get-out-of-jail-free card, but it is a process in which we  
2 will have nation-to-nation relations. Thank you.

3 (Applause)

4 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. Next we have Greg  
5 Juan, Raymond, and after Raymond, number 29 is Justin  
6 Kanakaole.

7 MR. RAYMOND PAHUKOA: Hi. My name is Raymond  
8 Kalani Pahukoa, and I reside in Ke'anae. All I need to say  
9 is all your questions are no. Now let me get back to the  
10 Hawaiians. All we need to do is get together. All you guys  
11 doing is looky looky. Everybody pulling each other down.  
12 Let's get together and let's move. I mean everybody stay  
13 big eyes. How about doing something? No sense gloom and  
14 talk, do it now. Thank you. (Applause)

15 FACILITATOR CHANG: Is Justin Kanakaole here?  
16 After Justin is Varna Nakihei.

17 MR. JUSTIN KANAKAOLE: Howzit, everybody. My name  
18 is Justin Kanakaole Hana, Maui area representing the land  
19 division of Kualau, east side of Hana, Maui. Tonight I want  
20 to site the July 7, 2014 Maui News article entitled, "Water  
21 customers today to receive annual report," and tonight I'm  
22 also siting the Proclamation of Kohanaiki Act, the highly  
23 (unintelligible) document that was passed in the US judicial  
24 system in 2010.

25 The water department is biased. It's defaming me.

1 And it don't mention me as one of the main water sources in  
2 Maui that the EMI guys stole from me. And it doesn't  
3 mention when exactly they stole the water, and that is a  
4 crime still going on today. I know that for a fact 60  
5 percent of this water is diverted illegally from me. And  
6 because today so many depend on my water, I'm forced into  
7 de-reconciliations.

8           EMI should be the one to bust their computation,  
9 and explain to the community, not me. This is a conflict of  
10 interest, and I can take you to court, and I should. The  
11 Kohanaiki Act fully protects me as wildlife, and so it  
12 serves -- I think that I have to take care of the Kohanaiki  
13 Act in my life tonight.

14           I want a written expression to me from either EMI  
15 or DOI to explain to me and the community that the  
16 government illegally took the rights to my water, and is  
17 using a weir operation in order to fulfill their domestic  
18 purposes that they serve today. I already stay in the  
19 kingdom. I own 10,100 acres of land, plus my mineral  
20 rights.

21           I have the first gate open as a foundation of a  
22 sovereign kingdom to Hawaii. All I need is a bank account  
23 to start serving my purpose. I'm coming for my \$78 billion  
24 owed in tax reparations for my land in Holaulau, and all the  
25 ones I represent from over there. I want Pulehu Kupau

1 already. I'm in a good seat for it. I was a G-5 benefit  
2 summons here, and that's one thing you guys are good for  
3 tonight.

4           Based on the Kohanaiki Act and EMI/DOI Airport, I  
5 think you guys owe me a practioner of that act before you  
6 guys' explanation. A G-5 benefit summons is what I demand.  
7 Anything less is an insult. When my representatives reach  
8 the royal court after you guys get three strikes with your  
9 judicial system when you guys going to lose, and you guys  
10 going to lose. That's when I'm going to stake my claim of  
11 the 1990's genocide of the (Hawaiian language spoken) kanaka  
12 maoli.

13           The evidence of the genocide was covered on KGMB 9  
14 News by Ed Andrews, Kelly (Unintelligible) and Lisa  
15 (Unintelligible) when the two (Unintelligible) of the  
16 ex-employee went close the EMI water gates for make one  
17 statement. They wasn't going to listen to some backup  
18 efforts.

19           When EMI broke the Kohanaiki Act, making the  
20 illegal water diversion back open to complete their  
21 genocide, we got them all on tape. I am the living proof of  
22 the survival on genocide, if you will. That's why before  
23 you guys is the proclamation of the Kohanaiki's Act. You  
24 see, this all stems from 20 years ago two Kohanaiki's said,  
25 "Give us back our water rights or we take you guys to

1 court." You guys went ignore them. And the repercussions  
2 of you guys' attitude is that very act which lies before you  
3 today.

4 You guys broke your own judicial system, and  
5 through you guys' own judicial system right there is how the  
6 thing went fall. The proclamation of the Kohanaiki Act.  
7 Google it, it's important. (Applause)

8 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Justin. I have  
9 Varna, Kiele, and then Ronnie Kauai.

10 MS. VARNA POMAIKAI NAKIHEI: Aloha Kakou,  
11 everybody. My name is Pomaikai Nakihai. I love you,  
12 Esther. You know, I was listening to Dr. Williamson Chang,  
13 and he said no, he has never seen an occupier occupy a  
14 country longer than 100 years. He said he have never seen  
15 an occupier bring their people to settle in another country  
16 in his 37 years of law.

17 You know, I am not going repeat what everybody  
18 said, but, you know, I wish through the process of your  
19 questions, you know, it sounds like a sermon, you know, like  
20 you're preaching a sermon through the process of the  
21 questions. No preach us a sermon, share us one.

22 I hope you guys understand that all the meetings  
23 you guys went to, what we had to go through. Sit and go  
24 through the same thing over and over. So make meeting. Put  
25 your money where your mouth is, yeah, and make meeting

1 first, before we can even trust the United States.

2           You know, when I was little my grandpa and my  
3 grandma used to talk Hawaiian, and I used to go there and  
4 say, I'd say, "Grandma, what you saying?" She'd tell me,  
5 (Hawaiian language spoken). Now my mo'opunas are talking  
6 Hawaiian, and I've got to tell them, "What you saying? Got  
7 to teach grandma."

8           You know, the one big thing, last month I went to  
9 Hawaiian Homes and I signed up my son and I said, "Give me  
10 five, son, you're number 5,001 on the list." 5,000, you  
11 know. And when you guys go back, take that munchkin  
12 Abercrombie, with you guys, because he's sticking his hand  
13 in the cookie jar. And he no like settle for crumbs, he  
14 like the whole cookie.

15           Last, but not least, bring my son home from  
16 Arizona. All the millions of dollars you guys spending,  
17 send me the dads, the wives, the kids to go visit our sons  
18 and daughters in America. Four years my son stay in  
19 Arizona, and I no see him. I'm raising the kids. So OHA,  
20 you get money. Send us up there for see our ohana. Mahalo.  
21 (Applause)

22           FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. I have number 31,  
23 Kiele, Ronnie Kauai, Teri Kauai and Meiling Akuna.

24           MS. KIELE TABBAL: Hello. Sorry, I'm not  
25 Hawaiian, but my family, we're all from Lahaina. My

1 grandpa, he retired from Pioneer Mill, irrigation  
2 supervisor. And we just want to say that no to all five  
3 questions. Because, you know, way back when, when they  
4 signed the Ku'e Petition people knew that it was going to be  
5 bad for them. And then you look, like people like my  
6 grandpa, they made slaves out of people working for the  
7 plantation. And, you know, when we look at the future, you  
8 know, we don't see anything good there. You know, just  
9 going to be more of the same. Just it's not well, you know.

10           The joint resolution that the United States claims  
11 is what effectively annexed Hawaii had no authority to do  
12 so. So I just hope that -- I know you guys, you know, all  
13 the other meetings they said you guys cannot do nothing.  
14 Actually, but I hope that somebody, anybody will have the  
15 courage and the strength to say the Emperor has no clothes.  
16 You guys got to stop already, you know.

17           I feel sorry for you folks, because you look  
18 tired, you know. And for me, you know, my grandparents  
19 taught me whenever you are looking tired it's because you're  
20 working too hard. Not meant to be. So that's all. Thank  
21 you. (Applause)

22           FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. Greg. After Greg  
23 I have Ronnie, and then Teri, and then Meiling.

24           MR. GREG JUAN: Aloha. Yeah, you guys do look  
25 tired. Sorry about that. Aloha, my name is Greg

1 (unintelligible) Juan, and I'm saying no to the  
2 nation-to-nation, or within the nation, and I want to move  
3 forward. I want to move forward, I want to build upon what  
4 our kupuna has built for us, and I want to carry it on to  
5 our next generation and the future generations after that.

6 I want a nation where (Hawaiian language spoken)  
7 is controlled in our nation, not no foreigners. I mean  
8 yeah, you guys look tired and all. I think you guys need to  
9 stop and just give us back everything, you know. But I want  
10 to build our kingdom for the future generations, like I said  
11 before.

12 And just to end it off short and sweet, our kupuna  
13 once said, (Hawaiian language spoken) We don't want no  
14 money, we'd rather eat rocks instead. We'd rather have our  
15 land back instead too. Mahalo. (Applause)

16 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. Ronnie, and then Teri  
17 and then Meiling.

18 MR. RONNIE KAILIMA: Aloha, people. Aloha, panel.  
19 My name is Ronnie Kailima. I come from Ulupalakua Ranch. I  
20 was fortunate enough to live there, and during the old  
21 Hawaiian style my kupunas taught me how to hunt the  
22 mountains for pigs and work the ocean for opihi and crab.

23 When I was 20 I had to leave the ranch, so there  
24 went my Hawaiian trip. It was hard to rent and stuff, so I  
25 had a hard time. I did wrong, I got locked up, I said I was

1 sorry, I did my time, the court forgave me. You guys said  
2 you guys are sorry. When you guys going do you guy's time?

3 And I speak for my all my -- excuse me, people, I  
4 get a hard time talk, I'm not used to this. But even my  
5 language you got to excuse, because this is how I ended up  
6 talking when you guys took away my Hawaiian speech from me.  
7 My mom, my dad, everybody, my grandma them, all talk  
8 Hawaiian.

9 As a small boy growing up I was always confused  
10 like, "Wow, Mama, when you going teach me?" "No, boy, not  
11 the way stay now, no can." Every time they talk about the  
12 kingdom all my kupunas all sad. Only look down, they no  
13 like talk. Now I understand why.

14 Do you guys understand what happened to us, and  
15 will you make a difference for us, especially the U.S.? You  
16 get our poho. You should back us up when you go up there.  
17 Put all this kind stuff on the side, because it's coming  
18 from real kind Hawaiian people that work the land, and we  
19 know how important the land.

20 You guys take our land, poison them with  
21 chemicals, put GMO products. Just like you guys try for  
22 kill the kanaka off so that you guys can take my mama. My  
23 mama is all my aina, and she not for sale. I don't know who  
24 this government came over here and is smiling on TV talking  
25 like he like sell all our land. Not even our kings or



1 queens could do that.

2 So take this back to your people that matter. And  
3 send the right guys over here, because according to all my  
4 people, you guys not the right guys. But I just wanted for  
5 you to hear my story about how we Hawaiians suffer until  
6 today from our kingdom being taken away. Thank you.

7 (Applause)

8 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Teri, Meiling and  
9 Donald Gerard, and Michele Hoopii.

10 MS. TERI KAUI: Aloha. My name is Teri Vares  
11 Kauai. I'm born in Lahaina, Maui, Kingdom of Hawaii.  
12 Whenever asked about my personal and professional life, what  
13 my nationality was, I remember reciting my ethnicity, which  
14 I have come to know is incorrect. However, I never answered  
15 that I was American. Those words never felt true to my  
16 soul.

17 Even though it was pounded into us through your  
18 public schools, this is in effect your indoctrination, and  
19 racist behavior brought upon us by the United States. Plans  
20 used by the United States to brainwash all of us.

21 And the gentleman from OHA that said, "So what,  
22 that was the past, we need to move forward." If I had told  
23 my teachers that in history class, when I was forced to sit  
24 there and digest all the United States history, I never  
25 would have graduated. With knowledge comes wisdom. If you

1 don't know your history, then you will be lost in your  
2 future. I know who I am, I am a Hawaiian national. This is  
3 my country of birth.

4 My answer to all your questions is a resounding  
5 no. Thanks to the United States government, the families of  
6 Hawaii are forced to work two, sometimes three jobs just to  
7 afford rent, food, clothing, insurance and taxes. And yes,  
8 I said rent. My husband has been on the Hawaiian Homes  
9 waiting list for over 30 years, and he's 75 percent kanaka.  
10 Most families here struggle paycheck to paycheck just to  
11 keep from being homeless.

12 But I would like to thank you for your presence  
13 here in the islands for one reason only. There are many of  
14 us who are trying to regain our kingdom using many different  
15 paths, but what your presence has done is unite all of us  
16 together. We, with one mind and one accord, we stand  
17 together to restore what was illegally taken from us.

18 So go and tell your Commander in Chief to send the  
19 right people, and take back with you your chemtrails, your  
20 GMO, your poisons, your DEA slash CIA slash drug lords, your  
21 empty promises, your illegal, greedy pharmaceutical  
22 companies. And be prepared to address the treaties and  
23 international laws you have broken, as well as the human  
24 rights violations that you have imposed upon us, and impose  
25 upon us every single day. We protest forever the annexation

1 of Hawaii until the very last aloha 'aina. Mahalo.

2 (Applause)

3 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Meiling Akuna, then  
4 after Meiling is Donald Gerard, and Michele Hoopii.

5 MS. MEILING AKUNA: Aloha, panel. Department of  
6 the Interior, aloha. My name is Meiling Akuna, and I'm from  
7 Ke'anae. The issue of nation building and  
8 government-to-government relationship isn't about Native  
9 Hawaiian self-determination under the Hawaiian Homes  
10 Commission Act of 1920, but it is all about money and power.  
11 Under what authority do the proponents have for creating a  
12 Native Hawaiian nation?

13 We have two corrupt agencies, the Department of  
14 Hawaiian Home Lands and Office of Hawaiian Affairs, that  
15 have changed the relationship between Native Hawaiians and  
16 the citizens of Hawaii. Under the Hawaiian Homes Commission  
17 Act there is no provision for the Office of Hawaiian  
18 Affairs. It was an arrogant and sinister act of the State  
19 of Hawaii that created the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. It  
20 is a state agency, and all eligible voters in Hawaii can  
21 vote in OHA.

22 So what is the purpose of OHA to native Hawaiians  
23 and to the Native Hawaiian nation? Under the act, OHA is  
24 not a legitimate representative of Native Hawaiians. In  
25 1920 Prince Kuhio went to congress and introduced a bill

1 called the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 and which  
2 congress enacted into law. The law identifies the Native  
3 Hawaiian beneficiary as having one-half, or 50 percent the  
4 blood of an indigenous people who existed in Hawaii in  
5 ancient times.

6 This is an important link to those of us today who  
7 have the 50 percent Hawaiian blood, and can connect to our  
8 indigenous ancestors of pure Hawaiian blood, and keep our  
9 rights and not be deprived of them without due process of  
10 the law.

11 A good example of that link is me. My mother is  
12 of pure Hawaiian blood. I am one-half of my mother's pure  
13 blood. There are a few more like myself, and we are not  
14 numbered in the hundreds of thousands that DHHL and OHA are  
15 claiming. Their numbers are inflated and distorted. I  
16 don't think they're determining the beneficiaries under the  
17 rule of law.

18 I know my viewpoints are not going to get any  
19 further than this meeting. However, my suggestion is that  
20 if the Department of Interior for the US government uses the  
21 legitimate beneficiaries that are the few in numbers than  
22 the masses, and you will only continue the failure to the  
23 solution and a preservation of the entire race to freedom  
24 and liberty. Mahalo. (Applause)

25 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I have Donald

1 Gerard, Michele Hoopii and Foster Ampong.

2 MR. DONALD GERARD: Aloha mai kakou. My name is  
3 Donald Gerard. First of all, this palapala is opala. To  
4 all your questions I say no. Thank you. (Applause)

5 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Donald. Michelle  
6 Hoopii.

7 MS. MICHELLE HOOPII: Aloha. My name is Michelle  
8 Hoopii, I'm from Waiehu, and to all your questions 1 through  
9 19 I say no. The voices of the people have spoken. I echo  
10 those voices. We are kanaka. We are not Indian. We are a  
11 nation. We don't want to build another one. We want  
12 communication and transparency, not hidden agendas. Give  
13 back what is rightfully ours, not what was stolen and  
14 rationed back to us.

15 To those leaders, the Native Hawaiian community,  
16 to the state and congressional delegates, we are kanaka. We  
17 are not Indian. We are a nation. We do not want to build  
18 one. We want communication and transparency, not hidden  
19 agendas. We are a family. We are not your enemy. Talk to  
20 us, we are here. We are listening and we are willing to  
21 kokua. Mahalo. (Applause)

22 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Kaio Kahaialii and  
23 Kanaloa Koko. Kaio is number 41, and Kanaloa is number 42,  
24 and I have 154.

25 MR. KAIA KAHAIALII: Aloha (Hawaiian language

1 spoken) To all your five questions that you have in your  
2 letter, a'ole, and to the other 19. I'm not going to waste  
3 my time talking to you folks up here, because you had the  
4 whole archipelago of Hawaii already. A resounding a'ole to  
5 you folks.

6 I'm here to talk to my kanakas tonight. Look,  
7 Maui, look around you. You stand up and look around you.  
8 So you know what, just you folks coming out here tonight, or  
9 coming here, something good had happened. Around the  
10 islands we've never gathered like this, never gathered. My  
11 only hope is that when we leave tonight, folks, we do not  
12 stop. We do not stop. We keep this going. We keep this  
13 going.

14 The brother Kalekoa said over there we all one  
15 canoe, only one wa'a get. All you got to do is pick your  
16 seat and start stroking. You like be the stroker or you  
17 like be the power man, go ahead. This is also to see all  
18 the kanakas in the room on one voice, one voice. That's all  
19 that's being said over here.

20 I hope you folks are listening not with deaf ear,  
21 blind eye. Take it home. It's not a coincidence that we're  
22 here tonight, kanakas. It's not a coincidence. Everything  
23 is happening here in Hawaii in our time because it's  
24 supposed to happen in our time. So when our keikis come up  
25 with all the olelo they're learning today, they're going to

1 close this book. We are here to make sure we puka that.  
2 That's our job today. We going make that puka for (Hawaiian  
3 language spoken), and they going come and they going close  
4 'em, and they going be the pa'a for us. Love you kanakas.  
5 Continue the fight, no stop, all right. Aloha. (Applause)

6 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. Kanaloa, and after  
7 Kanaloa I have Kahu Kapaku. And I hope you don't mind,  
8 we're going to let those who haven't spoken. So Kanaloa.

9 MR. KANALOA KEKINO KOKO: Aloha. My name is  
10 Kanaloa Kekino Koko. I'm of the noble family of all the  
11 kings and queens of these islands. I attended a meeting  
12 about 15 years ago with the late Senator Inouye, who was the  
13 panel member who stated, "Where is the monarchy family of  
14 Queen Liliuokalani?" No one answered. Senator Inouye knew  
15 that the monarchy family of Queen Liliuokalani is the proper  
16 complaintive party for the injured people of the private  
17 property of the trust that was formed.

18 The point being, number one, private property:  
19 King Kamehameha III in 1841 gave up all his ownership of the  
20 kingdom land and formed a one-third shareholder's documented  
21 private gift trust for the people as the private property  
22 trust of the kingdom, with 25 percent in the crown  
23 treasuries of the one-third collected from taxes and  
24 revenues, along with a quarter acre of land to any Hawaiian  
25 subject who were not allocated any land. The trust was

1 extended to the sovereign successor, Queen Liliuokalani and  
2 her family as the beneficiary trustees for the people.

3 Point being, international law: If a nation is  
4 invaded, annexed, occupied by another nation, private  
5 property cannot be seized.

6 Entitlement: The chosen noble representative of  
7 the Queen's family, Hawaiian delegate groups, the people of  
8 Hawaii, will organize themselves and file their entitlement  
9 trust rights as a one-third shareholder, along with other  
10 interests of their ancestors, and become the proper  
11 complaintive party.

12 Annex: King Kalakaua documented in 1879, strongly  
13 directed to the United States treasury ministers before the  
14 Hawaiian legislator, and said, "By this treaty, under no  
15 circumstances Hawaii would ever be annexed by the United  
16 States or any other nation." The seven year treaty with the  
17 United States was to end in 1894. But the treaty was  
18 breached and broken in 1893 by a minister of the United  
19 States who participated in the illegal downfall of the  
20 Hawaiians.

21 Blood quantum violates the supreme laws of humans,  
22 adds discrimination, making the United States the supreme  
23 master over another race of people outside its nation.  
24 Charges will be filed in the criminal courts of humanity for  
25 the numerous complaints of evidence specifying facts of the



1 infringement of the Hawaiian peoples' human rights, for the  
2 criminal conspiracy of fraud, deception and extortion, by  
3 accepting and trading stolen property of the people of  
4 Hawaii. The conduct of the United States against Hawaii has  
5 not been (unintelligible). The world is watching.

6 (Applause)

7 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have now Desmond Yap. 47 is  
8 Trinette Furtado, John Grant, George Kaimiolu, and Tom  
9 Cannon. Is Desmond Yap here? Trinette Furtado?

10 MS. TRINETTE FURTADO: Aloha mai kakou. Trinette  
11 Kimberly Uhilani Furtado. (Hawaiian language spoken) I am so  
12 proud to see so many people here. And not just the people  
13 that are present, those that have come before us, and those  
14 that are to come. These are the people, all these people,  
15 and the people that have come behind me, and the people that  
16 have come before me, they're who give me the mana right now  
17 to speak to you.

18 The urgency that finds you here is hewa. Only  
19 now, after this pilikia of the role Commission of  
20 Kana'iolowalu unveiled is a way to make our voices heard,  
21 quote-unquote. The collection of names, the scare and brag  
22 tactics used, finally the combination of several is to make  
23 one list, one role. It gave nobody voice, not one.

24 And then to be told that myself, my ohana, my  
25 keiki, my keiki's keiki after me, if I did not place my name

1 on that list we would not be able to have our own rights to  
2 determine what we do, who, where our nation would go.

3 That's hewa. (Hawaiian language spoken) Role or no role.

4 I say emphatically a'ole to all of your questions.  
5 These questions come from a place that allows no other  
6 avenue than the US facilitating and recognizing a process  
7 that only fortifies their continued benefit of occupying and  
8 subjugating kanaka maoli. There is no "yes" when you refuse  
9 to recognize our rights to establish our own  
10 government-to-government relationship. We already have one.  
11 We are not a tribe, we have never been a tribe, and will  
12 never be one. We are kanaka maoli.

13 We see what the US has done to first nation's  
14 peoples on the continent. Has that been a successful and  
15 pono government-to-government relationship? I ask that when  
16 you go home again, as others have mentioned, please listen  
17 not just with your ears and your hearts, but with your  
18 humanity as a people. As yourself, considering yourself  
19 sovereign. Can you continue to advocate for things that  
20 subjugate a whole bunch of sovereign people? Mahalo for  
21 your time. (Applause)

22 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I have Desmond  
23 Yap, and John Grant, and George Kaimiolu.

24 MR. DESMOND YAP: Aloha. I'm Desmond Yap. I come  
25 from Maui. Both sides of my family is from Maui. The

1 powerful United States has recognized their wrongdoing and  
2 apologized for it. Its representatives have come here  
3 tonight to work with us and correct and make restitution for  
4 what the United States has done.

5 Queen Liliuokalani wanted no bloodshed to come to  
6 her people, or even that of the other side, because she was  
7 a true Christian who loved her enemies, and that no harm was  
8 to come to anyone. However, our Queen also stood for truth,  
9 and knew this day would come, when her descendants would  
10 rise for justice and demand a better life for themselves.

11 Maui, we are the example to the rest of Hawaii and  
12 the nation that we are united. That we stand together  
13 regardless of our political views, where we stand on the  
14 mountain, and the differences taught in each generation.  
15 Keaupua's presence is here tonight because of the love and  
16 aloha we possess. What we have in common, despite our  
17 disagreements on politics, is we share the same history. We  
18 have the same kanaka DNA. We speak the same language from  
19 our hearts. Hold its values and believe that without God  
20 and nation it is impossible.

21 They believe they're doing the right thing, too,  
22 but we should keep pushing forward together. As Uncle  
23 Walter Ritte tells us over and over, "Keep your eyes on the  
24 prize, and that is unity, that is unity, that is unity."  
25 There's some of the restitution if you could help us with,

1 my brothers and sisters.

2           These are issues that we face every day: Money  
3 compensation; free quality health care for every Hawaiian;  
4 have decision-making power, development; have safe military  
5 activity; have the right to handling our own people in the  
6 judiciary system; planning and building an indigenous  
7 Hawaiian university; restoring the water that was promised;  
8 creating the curriculum for Hawaiian history in public  
9 schools.

10           And let me close with this. And God bless you  
11 all, and I love you all, and our nation is right around the  
12 corner and we pau. I thank Kamanao pono for representing us  
13 Maui people for recognize. Kamanao pono should represent  
14 Maui. (Applause)

15           FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, Desmond. I now have  
16 John Grant, George Kaimiolu and Tom Cannon.

17           MR. JOHN GRANT: I'm not Hawaiian, I'm Irish, and  
18 I come to you with a history of what happened to you, the  
19 same thing happened to us. These people have no right to be  
20 here, all right? They represent the organizations that  
21 repressed you. The same kind of thing happened to us for  
22 400 years. They finally left with a lot of persuasion.

23           The questions they're asking, the very fact that  
24 they asked the questions puts you underneath them. There's  
25 no answer to those questions. Those questions don't exist.

1 You're a sovereign people. Stand up. We have the same  
2 fight in Ireland, and we had a lot of factions, like I see a  
3 lot of factions here. We finally came to one thing in the  
4 name of a political party, it's called Sinn Fein. Ourselves  
5 alone; yourselves alone. You can do this, they can't. I  
6 can't. Thank you. (Applause)

7 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, John. I've got  
8 George.

9 MR. GEORGE KAIMIOLU: Aloha. My name is George  
10 Manolani Kaimiolu, and I say no to all five of your  
11 questions. I tell all my friends and I tell people that I  
12 meet that I'm a conspiracy theory, and that I took the right  
13 pill. If you take the blue pill you're put back in the  
14 matrix and you remain unconscious. But if you take the red  
15 pill you go through the rabbit hole and you are aware of  
16 everything that's around you.

17 So I took the red pill. And I think that a lot of  
18 Hawaiians took the red pill when Dr. Kamanaopono Crabbe said  
19 that to the Secretary of State Kerry. And then everybody up  
20 in Washington DC was like, "Hey, the Hawaiians took the red  
21 pill. Send the agents, send the agents," and that's why you  
22 guys stay.

23 So I'm wondering -- wait, wait, I only get two  
24 minutes. I'm wondering why they sent the Department of  
25 Interior versus the State Department. And I was like why

1 did they do that, why did they do that? I don't know. So  
2 the red pill started kicking in, and my friend went send me  
3 the Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the  
4 International Court of Justice.

5 Chapter 1, article 2, item 7 says, "Nothing  
6 contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United  
7 Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within  
8 the domestic jurisdiction of any state." Wow, sound  
9 familiar? What happened in 1894, July 4th? The Republic of  
10 Hawaii was proclaimed, and they told President Cleveland  
11 that what had happened on January 17, 1893 is none of his  
12 business, because it's a domestic affair. Stay out of it.  
13 And that's what's happening again.

14 So let's go back to the matrix. This is what had  
15 happened. This is my conspiracy theory. That what had  
16 happened was some people went to Washington DC, and they  
17 said, "You know what, I'm willing to take the blue pill.  
18 Just put me back in the matrix. I don't care, just make me  
19 wealthy and make me somebody important, okay."

20 And so the part that I like the best is that when  
21 he takes the steak, he cut the meat, and he rolls it up and  
22 he goes, "I know that the steak does not exist." So in this  
23 case, the State of Hawaii does not exist. But the matrix is  
24 telling me, or the United States government is brain washing  
25 me into believing that it's juicy and delicious. And

1 there's one thing that I realize. When he takes the bite  
2 and he savors it, he says, "Ignorance is bliss. Just put me  
3 back in the matrix."

4 What I say is do not deal with the guys that like  
5 take the blue pill. Talk to all the guys that took the red  
6 pill, because they get the answers. Mahalo. (Applause)

7 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, George. I have number  
8 50 is Tom Cannon, and then Punahеле Hoopii, and then Tasha  
9 Kang.

10 MR. TOM CANNON: Thank you. Aloha kakou. I'm Tom  
11 Cannon, born in Wailuku, Maui. As documented in the federal  
12 1893 Blunt report and 1993 apology bill, the United States  
13 caused the overthrow of the sovereign nation of Hawaii in  
14 acts counter to the treaties that existed between the two  
15 countries at the time.

16 The United States did not overthrow the Hawaiian  
17 race or the Hawaiian tribe. In 1893 most of the citizens of  
18 the Hawaiian nation were of the Hawaiian race. But like the  
19 United States, and most other nations, the Kingdom of Hawaii  
20 was a multi-racial nation.

21 Article three on page 76 of the statutes of King  
22 Kamehameha says, "All persons born within the jurisdiction  
23 of this kingdom, whether of alien foreigners, or of  
24 naturalized or of native parents, and all persons born  
25 abroad of a parent native of this kingdom, and afterwards

1 coming to reside in this, shall be deemed to hold native  
2 allegiance to His Majesty. All such persons shall be  
3 amenable to the laws of the Kingdom of Hawaii as native  
4 subjects."

5 My great-great-grandfather was a citizen of  
6 England who was an engineer hired by Kamehameha III to  
7 oversee the original dredging of Honolulu harbor. My  
8 great-grandfather and my grandfather were both born in the  
9 Hawaiian Kingdom. They supported the Hawaiian monarchy, and  
10 were amenable to the kingdom laws as native subjects,  
11 although they were not of the Hawaiian race.

12 It is important to differentiate between persons  
13 of the Hawaiian race and citizens of the Hawaiian nation.  
14 All people of the Hawaiian race are citizens of the Hawaiian  
15 nation, but not all citizens of the Hawaiian nation are of  
16 the Hawaiian race. It is very appropriate to have programs  
17 for the benefit of people of the Hawaiian race, as no other  
18 group of citizens of the Hawaiian nation has been so wronged  
19 by the effects of the overthrow, and suffered more than the  
20 Hawaiian citizens of the Hawaiian race.

21 However, in order for the federal settlement  
22 related to Hawaiian sovereignty not to be deemed contrary to  
23 U.S. Constitution, the settlement must be based upon a  
24 resolution of differences with the citizens, of all citizens  
25 of the nation of Hawaii in January of 1893, regardless of



1 race.

2 I'm going to summarize here. To base discussion  
3 and resolution of the federal issue of Hawaiian sovereignty  
4 solely upon race would be to misconstrue the historic facts,  
5 and doom the effort due to the conflict with the U.S.  
6 constitutional insurances of fundamental civil rights and  
7 the freedom of racial discrimination. It is the nation of  
8 Hawaii you need to be thinking about, not a tribe, and not  
9 anything else. Thank you. (Applause)

10 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I have number 52  
11 is Punahele Hoopii. Punahele?

12 MS. PUNAHELE HOOPII: Aloha mai kakou. I don't  
13 know, there's nothing much I can say to you guys that you  
14 already haven't heard, so I'm going to give you a break,  
15 because you guys getting dirty lickins for weeks. But it's  
16 really a blessing to see everybody here.

17 And I was one of the 120,000 or whatever that put  
18 my name on Kana'iolowalu. And, you know, kind of like for  
19 two reasons. One, because I was tired of the fighting. And  
20 not against the government, but between ourselves. All  
21 these years. You know, whose sovereignty group is the best,  
22 who going be the leader, and all these things. And really  
23 it's just irrelevant at this point in the game. And, you  
24 know, at some point in my life I thought, you know what,  
25 just take the scraps. Take what they going give us, because

1 we never going be independent.

2 And today when I see everybody here it really  
3 changes my heart. And over the past two weeks seeing all of  
4 what was going on, as of last night I took my name off the  
5 list. And I do believe that we can become a nation. And  
6 the fact that they're here, this is our Hawai'ilona right  
7 now. They are the Hawai'ilona that it is our time. So back  
8 to you, the answer is no. Mahalo. (Applause)

9 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Punahele. Tasha,  
10 and then Elizabeth, and Pedro.

11 MS. TASHA KAMA: Aloha mai kakou, my people. And  
12 aloha to our panel who is visiting us from 11,000 miles  
13 away. I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify on  
14 the advance notice of proposed rule making, otherwise known  
15 to me as a heads up of what you intend to do.

16 I am the fourth eldest of 11 children born to  
17 Reverend Clarence Kamai and Ruth Lei (Unintelligible), the  
18 granddaughter of Kalanuiwahinekona of Kaimuki, and Rose  
19 (Unintelligible) Gillman of Waimea, Kauai, and of William  
20 (Hawaiian language spoken) of Waianae, and Rose Kaue of  
21 Kauai Hao, Kauai. I'm the sister of 10 siblings, an aunt to  
22 34 nieces and nephews, 30 grand nieces and grand nephews,  
23 and two great-grand nieces and nephews. I am the wife of 44  
24 years of David Kama of Waimanalo. I'm the mother of 11  
25 children, grandmother of 26 grandchildren, and

1 great-grandmother of one granddaughter. And the total  
2 descendants from my father and mother is 104 descendants of  
3 five generations.

4 My father was a 22 year veteran in the U.S. Army  
5 and served in World War II, the Korean conflict, and the  
6 Vietnam War. Four of my siblings and my daughter served in  
7 the U.S. Army, which gives us the opportunity tonight to be  
8 here to speak our mind, to offer solutions, and by  
9 participating and undoing past injustices.

10 I am deeply appreciative of your presence in my  
11 beloved island, and am reminded of this inscription: "Our  
12 nation honors her sons and daughters who answer the call to  
13 defend a country they never knew, and a people they never  
14 met." I honor you for coming to these islands and sitting  
15 through the hearings with true grit. God bless you, and God  
16 help us in our deliberations tonight as we go forward in the  
17 name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

18 I'm also grateful for the Federal State Taskforce  
19 in 1983 that cast a light on the shortcomings of both the  
20 federal and state governments in administrating their  
21 fiduciary responsibilities to the Native Hawaiians; for the  
22 Native Hawaiian Study Commission Minority Report, which bore  
23 witness to the suffering of the Native Hawaiian people; and  
24 for the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act of 1996, which  
25 returned 16,000 acres of land to the Hawaiian Home Lands

1 Trust, including what we now know today as Kapolei, with the  
2 largest and most thriving Hawaiian homestead community.

3 And finally, we have a native son in the White  
4 House, sending his cabinet members here to assist his host  
5 family to resolve past errors, and none of us alive today  
6 should ever be held responsible for what happened yesterday.

7 So my answer to the question number one is yes. I  
8 do not want to let the Federal Government off the hook. I  
9 want to have a conversation with them. I want our native  
10 Hawaiian government to have a conversation with them, a deep  
11 one, a true one, a meaningful one, that actually tries to  
12 restore justice back to our people. And when justice cannot  
13 be restored, to look at remedies that can be done to help  
14 our people. So I thank you tonight. (Applause)

15 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Elisabeth, and then  
16 Pedro Gapero and Kehau.

17 MS. ELISABETH GAPERO: Aloha. My name is  
18 Elisabeth Gapero. I was born in these islands long before  
19 it was a state, and in my opinion it should have stayed a  
20 territory, at the very least. I do not want the Secretary  
21 of the Department of Interior to propose that we have any  
22 more administrative rules to facilitate a  
23 government-to-government relationship.

24 I'm a citizen of the United States, I'm not  
25 Hawaiian by blood. I live on Hawaiian Home Lands with my

1 husband, who is Hawaiian. And it's been my experience  
2 traveling, you know, just all over the world, and especially  
3 in the United States, that any time the Federal Government  
4 gets into you, gets into what you do, it turns out very bad.

5 40 years ago I went to what's called a tribal  
6 reservation. It was bad then. And I had the opportunity,  
7 it's bad for the people that are just like you and I, living  
8 every day trying to scratch a living. I went back about  
9 four years ago, and now they've got gambling. And you think  
10 it was bad 40 years ago? It's worse. And we have a  
11 governor, the little troll who is in bed with another former  
12 governor, and they are in about money and land equals power  
13 to them.

14 I recommend that we unite tonight. Stay in touch,  
15 because these people are out to take everything. They're  
16 out for the money. They don't care about you, the people.  
17 I work in the schools every day. I go to different schools  
18 administered by the DOE. I see those suspended lists. All  
19 of them are Hawaiians, and it shouldn't be like that.

20 That \$4 million that they took, that John Waihe'e  
21 took to create this new Kana'iolo'owalu is wrong. All he did  
22 was copy and paste, and in my book, copy and paste ain't  
23 worth even a million dollars. Be careful, this is just a  
24 hearing. They've heard you; they'll do what they want  
25 anyway. Thank you. (Applause)

1 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Pedro, and then after  
2 Pedro I have Kehau.

3 MR. PEDRO GAPERO: Aloha. Thank you, panel, for  
4 coming to Maui. Enjoy your trip home. Take this in heed.  
5 Your questions that you had for us, it's a no. It's a  
6 capital N-O. We're here today to voice our opinions, and we  
7 don't need another country telling us how to run our  
8 government. Let the Hawaiians run their own government.

9 The questions that you had for us today makes no  
10 sense to me. I'm off the subject, but Kana'iolowalu, my  
11 name is on that list. I went sign for that. My name is on  
12 the (Hawaiian language spoken) list, and I think that's  
13 illegal. So I need to investigate OHA. 100-something  
14 thousand votes that cost of \$4 million? I don't think so.  
15 Thank you for coming, aloha. (Applause)

16 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. I have Kehau, and  
17 then after Kehau I have James Kimmell and John Beatty.

18 MS. KEHAU FILIMOEATU: Aloha, ohana. My name is  
19 really (Hawaiian language spoken). Welcome to my sister  
20 Esther and your friends to our moku of Maui. Just one  
21 island that makes up the rest of the homeland of Hawaii nei.  
22 Welcome to my sense of place, and you all have certainly  
23 transversed our entire nation.

24 Born and raised on the island of Maui, my  
25 ancestors have sprinkled the slopes of Haleakala, and my

1 desire is to also return to dust here. My plea to you is  
2 yes, yes. Hear the voices who cry out paining our history,  
3 even as we live in another century, two centuries later.  
4 Yes, still there is an enabling movement of victimization.  
5 Yes, our nation has a lot to do to clear, reconcile, and  
6 make ourselves even more powerful as a people, and to allow  
7 us that time to miki the hewa.

8 I will say yes to your question number one. Let  
9 us take that step. At this moment I see no or I can think  
10 of no other reason why we should not take advantage of the  
11 DOI of the USA. Yes to your question of number two. I  
12 stand to assist and kokua, and challenge you to support us  
13 in our differences. I challenge everyone who will holomua.

14 I and others have been in the struggle for a  
15 lifetime, and I don't believe I have another 50 years to  
16 wait. And I know that at any time we deem this process as a  
17 deterrent to our self-determination, I can change my mind  
18 and object and bail, leaving you to clean up the mess you  
19 all will have gotten into. And perhaps by then we, as a  
20 nation yearning to be recognized, will have somehow forged a  
21 pathway to forming a government acceptable to all.

22 I speak for myself, my ohana, who trusts my  
23 mana'o, and like-thinking Hawaiians from zero to 1,000  
24 percent koko who shutter in silence, wanting more than what  
25 we have now for our kupuna and the generations to come.

1           So mahalo for your tolerance, mahalo for your  
2 endurance, mahalo just for your presence. Mahalo to the  
3 Hawaiian in the White House for at least giving us the  
4 opportunity to go forward, to attempt to make a Native  
5 Hawaiian history different than one of yesteryear.

6 (Applause)

7           FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I would ask that  
8 the next person is -- are you James Kimmel? James Kimmel is  
9 number 59, and it's 8:00. I want you to know I have 154.  
10 So thank you for staying within the time limit.

11           MR. JAMES KIMMEL: Aloha, everybody. Aloha,  
12 panel, brothers and sisters. The Kingdom of God is at hand,  
13 meaning a return to the high spiritual concept of Jesus, who  
14 proclaimed that the kingdom is the will of his heavenly  
15 father dominant and transcendent in the heart of the  
16 believer. The kingdom of heaven and the divine government  
17 of the spiritual brotherhood of all humankind is also at  
18 hand.

19           The kingdom of heaven consists in these three  
20 essentials: First, recognition of the fact of the  
21 sovereignty of God. Second, faith in the -- I'm sorry.  
22 Second, belief in the truth of sonship of God. And third,  
23 faith in the effectiveness of the supreme human desire to do  
24 the will of God, to be like God. And through faith you can  
25 have all these essentials of salvation.



1           My name is James D. Kimmel. I was born a United  
2 States citizen near Canton, Ohio in 1935, and became a  
3 naturalized citizen of the Hawaiian nation shortly after  
4 March 13, 1999, when the kingdom was reinstated. I'm here  
5 tonight by the will of God and as an ambassador of the  
6 Prince of Peace and sovereign creator of the universe in  
7 which we find ourselves out here on the edge of the great  
8 Milky Way galaxy.

9           This Prince of Peace is the same person referred  
10 to by Queen Liliuokalani in her official protest on June 17,  
11 1897, where she said, "And to the Almighty Ruler of the  
12 universe, to him who judgeth righteously I commend my  
13 cause." The same person is also referred to by the authors  
14 of the American Declaration of Independence as their  
15 creator, and the supreme judge of the world to whom they  
16 look for the rectitude of their intentions.

17           After 227 years of the evolution of political  
18 sovereignty in the United States, the United States  
19 government has become increasingly corrupted following the  
20 progressive abrogation of their constitution and destruction  
21 of the supreme law of the land. Sorry, I'm through.

22 (Applause)

23           FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Mr. Kimmel. I now  
24 have Kealii Inciong. And then is John Beatty here? And  
25 then Basil Oshiro.

1           MR. KEALII INCIONG: Aloha kakou. Kealii Inciong  
2 (Hawaiian language spoken). First of all, I want to say no  
3 to all 19 questions. All the testimony that you all heard  
4 on record in opposition to your fictitious offer are of the  
5 truth.

6           I would like to give a little background. I have  
7 a BA and an emphasis in administration of justice, and am  
8 currently working on a master's degree. Over the last few  
9 weeks I have witnessed three types of parties involved in  
10 these meetings. I want to discuss my findings through a  
11 criminology perspective. First of these three types that  
12 are involved in these meetings are psychopathic,  
13 psychological perpetrators that are psychopaths. Sorry, I'm  
14 kind of nervous right now.

15           There are seven criteria for being a psychopath:  
16 Insensitive disregard for the feelings of other people; two,  
17 incapacity to maintain a relationship; three, reckless  
18 disregard for the safety of others; four, aggressiveness;  
19 five, deceitfulness, repeated lying and conning of others  
20 for profit; six, incapacity to experience guilt; and seven,  
21 the failure to conform to social norms and respect the law.  
22 I think they fit all seven of it.

23           The second type is the people that invited you,  
24 the victims that invited you. These victims are called in  
25 criminology Stockholm syndrome. So Stockholm syndrome, also

1 related to child abuse, battered, abused women, prisoners of  
2 war, cult members, criminal hostage situations, and  
3 concentration camp prisoners. The third type, and the last  
4 type, is the victims, the ones that are telling the truth,  
5 everybody inside here.

6 In closing, we kanaka have a direct link to Akua.  
7 Akua has protected us since the time of the oppression and  
8 has protected this nation. Akua has blessed us to this  
9 time. And if you don't believe me, well, you guys over here  
10 go up to Haleakala, fill you guys bags with rocks, and take  
11 them back with you guys to Washington DC and share all that  
12 rocks as gifts, and tell us what happens.

13 Also, for everybody out there, that we need to  
14 keep this going and keep this awakening going, and imua.  
15 (Applause)

16 FACILITATOR CHANG: Number 60 is John Beatty, and  
17 then Basil Oshiro, and then Lawaina Maliikapu.

18 MR. JOHN BEATTY: Aloha, panel. Thank you for  
19 your time. Thank you people for listening to me. My name  
20 is John Beatty. I bring warm greetings from the Cree  
21 Chippewa nation in Montana. They align with you fully. I  
22 talked with some of our chiefs this morning. They were  
23 amazed to know what's happening here. They made the  
24 comment, "Are they still using your islands for target  
25 practice?" I said, "No." They said, "That's good, because

1 they used to use us for target practice."

2 I'm very lucky to be a haole that's lived here for  
3 ten years with the warmth of everyone. I'm an automotive  
4 instructor. I approach the true government, this one here,  
5 to offer my services for people that are having a hard time  
6 keeping their cars going. Hawaii tears up cars. I'm hoping  
7 that we can start a trade school, a co-op where people can  
8 repair their cars themselves with the help of instructors,  
9 qualified people, and to train our youth. I have watched  
10 this government do so many amazing things, I can't tell you.  
11 The court hearings with the Baldwins are unbelievable.  
12 They're a kick in their ass.

13 To this group I only ask one thing. Why are you  
14 not helping this government financially in any way? They  
15 have done so much with so little. These people have done  
16 things that you have not been able to do ever. I ask you to  
17 support them more. I feel they've jumped through all the  
18 hoops, signed all the dots and T's to qualify as a  
19 government. Thank you very much for listening to me.

20 (Applause)

21 FACILITATOR CHANG: Number 62 is Basil Oshiro, and  
22 then after Basil is Lawaina Maliikapu, and Elvin Kamoku.

23 MR. BASIL OSHIRO: Aloha, staff. All of you good  
24 looking people out here. Yeah, the kanaka, the kanaka  
25 maoli, kama'aina, malahini. Aloha, my name is Basil Oshiro.

1 I'm testifying opposing the five questions that the folks  
2 posted on us.

3           Looking at what's happening over here, we're all  
4 on the same page out here, otherwise we wouldn't be here.  
5 And that's a good thing for Hawaii, speaking in one voice.  
6 That's what we need. All this mess started when some or  
7 more than one organization went to you folks and did  
8 something up there. Whatever they did caused this mess to  
9 uprising again, open up. It's a good thing, because we're all  
10 out here as one voice, one ohana, which is a winner now.

11           So looking at the questions, the statements that  
12 still wants to be in control, and the people of Hawaii say  
13 a'ole, this ain't going to happen.

14           So now which way do we go? There's two laws in  
15 Hawaii, the kingdom law with the constitution, and the  
16 western law and their constitution, yeah. Now, my akamai  
17 kupuna always told me to watch out for the boogie man, yeah,  
18 the negative side of what might happen, yeah. Does the  
19 kingdom have welfare, Social Security, which most of us  
20 paying into right now, grants, income supplements, yeah.  
21 Are we going back to the old ways again, like Niihau, and  
22 leave off our natural resources?

23           So again, who is going to be our leader? Where do  
24 we go from here? We're all sensitive right now. We've got  
25 to fix the puka. The organizations got to come to the table

1 and talk story with us, see what the people want, a win-win  
2 solution. So people out there, hang tough. Speak in one  
3 voice and we can get this done. Mahalo. (Applause)

4 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Basil. I have  
5 number 65, Lawaina Maliikapu, and then Elvin Kamoku.

6 MS. LAWAINA MALIIKAPU: Aloha mai kakou, Maui,  
7 imua. Welcome to Maui. My answer to all your questions are  
8 a'ole, 1 through 19. My name is Lawaina Maliikapu, and I do  
9 reside on Maui. I am a kanaka, but most all, I am a kanaka  
10 maoli.

11 Not only is it unconstitutional, but the  
12 administration has no authority to enter into such a  
13 relationship. Formerly Attorney General Michael Lilly has  
14 said Hawaiians have no tribes, and therefore the United  
15 States cannot enter into a treaty relationship. So I am not  
16 a United States citizen, nor am I not a Native Hawaiian, nor  
17 am I part of any tribe. I am kanaka maoli.

18 So let me reiterate this little piece of the  
19 Native Hawaiian community reps. So sorry you got to be  
20 here, but they should be up there. They do not contact  
21 these communities to pass on the message to the people in  
22 Washington. They should be up to acknowledge the opala and  
23 the wrong they have done to the community. They do not  
24 carry standards of high in this community at the moment.

25 So let me just read this real quick, Auntie. This

1 is between the reps of the Native Hawaiian community, small  
2 kind. The interior could not process our application  
3 because Hawaiians were not Indians. Now that the Akaka Bill  
4 has been amended to say Hawaiians aren't Indians. Although  
5 the Akaka Bill cannot move in Congress, because the house is  
6 controlled by the Republicans. We can go to Obama to have  
7 him issue an executive order to the interior directing them  
8 to move our application.

9 OHA trustees have approved the approach, and  
10 already voted weeks ago to give the Royal Commission,  
11 Kana'iolowalu, about \$2 million more dollars. The kauinoa  
12 registration has been turned over, as we know, to the Royal  
13 Commission, Kana'iolowalu. And remember now, without your  
14 permission, okay. My tutus are dead, but they are on that  
15 list. I just had to take off my family. How is that,  
16 people? But do you understand what Kana'iolowalu will do  
17 with those signatures? They will make you a U.S. citizen,  
18 and that's what they call domestic law.

19 So maka'ala, people, wake up, okay. So a'ole,  
20 a'ole. And when you go home may the Lord bless you and keep  
21 you in his light, because you guys going need him. Aloha.

22 (Applause)

23 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have got 40 minutes, and I  
24 am on number 66, Elvin Kamoku, and then I have Kukini  
25 Mali'li and then Rose Duey. DOI have Elvin Here? DOI have

1 Kukini here? Rose Duey. After Rose, I have -- is it  
2 Olivia, and then 72 is Dana Naone Hall.

3 MS. ROSE DUEY: Aloha kakou. Aloha, Mr. Hirsch.  
4 Aloha dear sister Esther. I know where your heart is.  
5 Don't let anybody challenge that. Aloha, Miss Sue that is  
6 there, and aloha Miss Romero. I am Rosemarie Hoululahui  
7 Lindsey Duey. I am a Hawaiian by descent. I was born and  
8 raised in Lahaina, Maui, and now reside in Iao Valley,  
9 Wailuku, Maui.

10 I am quite knowledgeable on this matter, as I have  
11 been involved in many attempts to reach a political  
12 sovereignty of self governance. I am not the only one that  
13 has been doing this. We have 120,000 people who have signed  
14 Kana'iolowalu to hold an aha. To make the decision for the  
15 Hawaiians to be able to have self governance and their  
16 nation. I am very supportive of that.

17 I am very appreciative of your attempt to assist  
18 us in some way through your classes of  
19 government-to-government, for it raises the passion within  
20 us to continue the movement of political sovereignty in some  
21 shape or form. Tonight and throughout the islands you have  
22 been witnessing the best in us and the worst in us. We are  
23 the products of a kingdom and Americanization.

24 Some of us have walked up here in clothes like  
25 this. This is Americanized. I didn't come up here in a



1 kepa or a malu, like some of the men try to pretend they  
2 are. We are so conflicted. We want this, we want that, we  
3 want self, we want government, we want nation-to-nation, we  
4 want government-to-government. We need a process that can  
5 bring us all together to aha this. To work together to come  
6 to a conclusion and to say to them, "We are a nation and we  
7 want a nation-to-nation." That's what we want. We don't  
8 want the government recognition of a tribe.

9 I, however, vote no to all five of your questions,  
10 because I firmly believe in a full redress of our stolen  
11 kingdom. Not just for entitlements, although because of the  
12 United States' role in the 1893 overthrow, we should receive  
13 them. For me, full redress can only come through an aha.

14 I have been in aloha aina, I have been in ha  
15 Hawaii, I have been in ku'e eku'e, I have been all over  
16 these organizations. I have been a na kupuna, and I have  
17 not seen this nation rise yet. I am totally frustrated by  
18 our Hawaiian people coming here and showing disrespect for  
19 you and for some of the rest of us by criticizing what we're  
20 doing. We are trying to head to the same nation. We want a  
21 nation-to-nation relationship with the United States and all  
22 of the rest of the countries. Thank you very much.

23 (Applause).

24 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Rose. I have now  
25 Kukini Mau'li, and then after that -- okay, please come up.

1 Two minutes.

2 MR. KUKINI MAU'LI: Mahalo. Thank you guys for  
3 coming. Thank you everybody. Wow, this is beautiful. This  
4 is how it's supposed to be, one. You know, I don't know how  
5 many years we got to go through the same thing. Last time  
6 you guys came you guys brought two people. We respect you  
7 guys; we love you guys.

8 We are a nation here. The kingdom still stands.  
9 The law is still here. I use it, I challenge it, I walk  
10 with it. You know where it put me a second time, Akua said  
11 one thing we need to do for them, we need to come together  
12 to be one. You know, yeah, a lot of people speak. We get  
13 50 groups up there. (Unintelligible) Well, the kingdom  
14 going be on the thrown for a long time.

15 It's nice to see a lot of people here tonight.  
16 You know, Hawaiians more and more started to wake up and  
17 understand what's going on, what was taken away. It's still  
18 here. When are they going to return it? You know, whatever  
19 they took from us they'll bring it back. We are going to  
20 love you guys, we're going to work with you guys, but enough  
21 is enough. Evicted illegally.

22 How can we beat the system? I try everything by  
23 law. Can't go no where. Everybody know what's happening,  
24 what's going on. The government exactly knows what's going  
25 on. Please, I hope you guys took these messages. I

1 (unintelligible). Don't throw 'em away. Look into this and  
2 make the right decision for the people, especially our kids,  
3 and our kupuna, you know. Enough is enough. We have to  
4 work with all. (Hawaiian language spoken).

5 I thank you guys for being here to hear us all.  
6 What a blessing trip. You guys have a safe journey. A hui  
7 hoe, love you guys. (Applause).

8 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have now Olivia, and then I  
9 have Dana. Did she go home? Then I have Kaala Kahookele.

10 MR. OLIVER DUKELOW: Good evening. I'll make this  
11 short and sweet so everybody else can testify. The answer  
12 to the five questions is no, and the reason why it's no is  
13 because you don't have the juris prudence to practice what  
14 you're practicing here in this land.

15 The other reason why I'm testifying here is  
16 because my great-great-grandfather went on record back in  
17 1893, and that's why I'm here. I am kanaka. My families  
18 come from Waihe'e and the Big Island, so I am from here.  
19 Mahalo. (Applause).

20 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo. I have 73 is Kaala,  
21 and then I have Huli.

22 MR. KAALA KAHOOKELE: Aloha kakou. Mahalo keakua.  
23 Mahalo na kupuna. Mahalo. Auntie, I not going take up  
24 time, I going be fast, because people need to hear the  
25 message, okay. These guys, they just as beautiful as all of

1 us, and they just as much to blame as all of us for what had  
2 happened. It's not for us for ask them for our sovereignty  
3 back, it's for us to demand it. But we need to organize  
4 ourselves, and we need to forgive ourselves first and  
5 foremost.

6           They went say sorry in 1993. They went admit to  
7 what they call one public apology, a U.S. public law. My  
8 question tonight to Anthony is how long you been one  
9 American Hawaiian Indian, and what benefits and privileges  
10 is attributed to you that the rest of us don't have.

11           Secondly, my question to Ray is, you said that you  
12 guys are a domestic law. Well, we no like nothing what you  
13 have, but I give you permission to authorize the Department  
14 of Justice to place all of you under arrest, okay, for  
15 collusion to promote fraud, and continue to deprive our  
16 Hawaiian people of what is rightfully ours.

17           Now, for the people out there in TV land, the  
18 people who think we like kick them off this rock, that's not  
19 the case. We are not racist. And the fact that we went  
20 marry your sons and daughters should prove that we are not  
21 racist. We love everybody. But just like you love your  
22 nation, and you are proud to be an American, we're proud to  
23 be kanaka. So we need to organization ourselves.

24           The first thing the United States did after they  
25 went liberate the people of Kuwait was they ran one

1 election. Now, we've been running these elections,  
2 according to the constitution after we went reinstate our  
3 country on March 13, 1999. We came before OHA in 2010, and  
4 we went ask for funds for support the election. You guys  
5 know who OHA is? OHA is a state agency. But more  
6 importantly, it's our family. That's our ohana over there  
7 that told us no, that's the state's money. We can only pay  
8 lawyers and lobbyists in Washington for go promote one  
9 fraud. That's all we can do. We cannot do this. But  
10 people on Maui, beautiful aloha. So I'll say I like end  
11 this with one song for lighten the mood over here.

12 FACILITATOR CHANG: Brother, you know what --

13 MR. KAALA KAHOKELE: (Song sung) (Applause).

14 FACILITATOR CHANG: If you don't mind, I will tell  
15 everybody we've got only 30 minutes left, and I'm on number  
16 75, and I've got 158 people. So when we take more time, the  
17 next person doesn't get to speak. So I have got Huli  
18 Rivera, Kaliko Lewis, Kawelau Wright, and Earl. I can't see  
19 your last name. So please, Huli.

20 MR. HULI RIVERA: Aloha kakou. I wrote this down  
21 earlier. I'm going try to make 'em fast. I watched Akaku,  
22 and I understand that you guys said there is no process on  
23 making the wrong right, and that is why I want to address  
24 that now. After hearing the souls of us Hawaiians, I hope  
25 you take it to heart and act on it, as the message is being

1 transported to America. Not just transporting it, but act  
2 on it.

3 We feel things need to be done now for the fact  
4 that you took away most of our culture, our language, our  
5 practices. We're basically prisoners in our own home. And  
6 it's hard to accept the fact that I have got to scrounge and  
7 scratch to find my keikis aina. I have got to come home at  
8 32 years old and ask for one other ethnicity to teach me my  
9 language for a cost.

10 What you guys doing right now, telling us we get  
11 limited time is a slap in the face. We've waited this long.  
12 You guys should stay until whatever time. You should have  
13 more than 174 signatures. We get more people in here that  
14 like voice. (Applause).

15 So all I get to say to our people is all of us  
16 come together. I'm glad we're here, and the best thing I  
17 can say is (Hawaiian language spoken). Don't give up.  
18 Aloha. (Applause)

19 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, Huli. I have Kaliko  
20 Lewis, Kawelau Wright, and then Earl. Is Kaliko here?

21 MS. KAWELAU WRIGHT: Aloha mai kakou. My name is  
22 Kawelau Kealoha Wright. (Hawaiian language spoken) I'm from  
23 here. And I'm super stoked to see this. We can do it.

24 So the answer to your questions, all of them no, 1  
25 through 5, as well as all the way to 19. I suspect that if

1 you handed me another 100 questions it would also be no all  
2 the way through 100.

3 I reiterate what everybody else has said already,  
4 but I have some concerns that I want to present to you, and  
5 maybe use this as food for thought for all of us. The first  
6 thing is, I keep hearing the term "special relationship,"  
7 and I'm wondering what does that mean exactly. It's so  
8 vague, you know, like are we talking special good, special  
9 special? We don't know.

10 Who is going to be doing the translations for you  
11 for the people who did olelo Hawaii? That's also something  
12 that I've been wondering. And the last thing is, I really  
13 want you guys to understand that many of us, many of us are  
14 not the kind of people that come to rallies and do all this  
15 stuff. You have heard from people who have never gotten up  
16 and spoken before, okay. And to me, that means that the  
17 onus is now on you guys. The responsibility is with you  
18 guys.

19 And I hope, I hope that all of you -- and I  
20 appreciate your eye contact right now from most of you -- I  
21 really believe strongly that you are now carrying our  
22 message, and I'm hoping that you do the right thing. I'm  
23 hoping that you do the right thing. I'm suspicious, like a  
24 lot of us are, that there's a special agenda going on. And  
25 I think it's really important for your country, and I did

1 say your country, to start to right the wrongs, the  
2 hypocritical behavior that has been its history, defending  
3 other sovereign countries while perpetuating against us what  
4 you claim to defend for others. Mahalo. (Applause).

5 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have Earl, Keoki and Kaliko.

6 MS. KALI KO LEWIS: Aloha. I have written and  
7 rewritten my testimony probably ten times. In the simplest  
8 form, I say no to all the questions asked, as they all  
9 involve kanaka maoli and all of Hawaii falling under  
10 American control. We as kanaka have forgotten how amazing  
11 we really are.

12 I teach children, and sometimes it's so sad to see  
13 that when I tell them stories of our kupuna they look at me  
14 like it's this grand revelation. They never knew it was  
15 awesome. And we cannot forget that everything around us  
16 belongs to us, and that we will regain control over our  
17 nation. And I was listening to a very wise speaker who  
18 inspired me. He said, "We come from the best and the  
19 brightest." (Hawaiian language spoken). (Applause).

20 Sorry if you cannot hear my ukulele. (Song sung)  
21 Mahalo. (Applause).

22 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. I now have Earl,  
23 Keoki, Kulani, Napua and Kalei Kaeo.

24 MR. EARL M. MCFEE: Aloha, ohana. (Hawaiian  
25 language spoken) After attending the meeting on June 26th



1 at the airport conference room, I came back to Maui very  
2 excited. Welcome to Maui, and mahalo for taking this time  
3 to be here with us, sacrificing your time to be with your  
4 family. And finally, mahalo for asking us, our Native  
5 Hawaiian community, if the secretary should assist the  
6 Native Hawaiian community in reorganizing our government  
7 with which the United States could re-establish a  
8 government-to-government relationship. Mahalo for asking.

9           And please, for the record, my comments are not  
10 meant to hurt or offend anyone, and if so, then I apologize  
11 to you right now. (Hawaiian language spoken).

12           You have spent a lot of time with our native  
13 communities on our different islands, and you have listened  
14 to their testimonies. Some I'm sure were very pleasant to  
15 listen to, and I'm positive that some were loud, aggressive,  
16 and some were more of a combative mode.

17           The Native Hawaiian community does not trust the  
18 government of the United States and its proposal of any  
19 administrative rule if it has to adhere to the extent such  
20 as a process and consistent with federal law.

21           Now to answer questions one, two and three. Yes,  
22 yes, if we are talking about a real government-to-government  
23 relationship, such as any other foreign country's  
24 relationship with the United States. And no to a nation  
25 within a nation relationship with the United States. And

1 mahalo for your assistance. Question four, yes we are still  
2 recognized as a sovereign nation. Yes, as far as your  
3 assistance.

4 We are still recognized as a sovereign nation  
5 within the Geneva Convention's League of Nations. Help us,  
6 please. We would never want to relinquish our nation to the  
7 United States, forever losing our position as an independent  
8 nation that was illegally overthrown by the United States of  
9 America. And please no, the reorganization of our Native  
10 Hawaiian government should not be facilitated by the State  
11 of Hawaii, to the extent such a process is consistent with  
12 federal law.

13 The United States of Hawaii have done a great job  
14 here in Hawaii -- I mean the United States of America have  
15 done a great job here in Hawaii. Before and up until the  
16 overthrow -- before and up to the overthrow of our  
17 independent free nation. The formation of the Republic of  
18 Hawaii, then to the illegal annexation, that led finally to  
19 statehood in 1959. We went through a lot of change from  
20 1778 to statehood, colonization, genocide, then  
21 assimilation.

22 So today we have Hawaiians aping the foreigner's  
23 ways. Talk about identity theft. Today we have an  
24 obligation to our future generations to stand up for what is  
25 right together. We have an opportunity to correct past

1 wrongs. Stay strong. Let's not fight with each other.  
2 It's okay to disagree, but together we are the government,  
3 no matter what. We all want the same thing, our government  
4 that would truly and honestly work for and with our Hawaiian  
5 communities. Mahalo, malama pono, and a hui hou.

6 (Applause)

7 FACILITATOR CHANG: I have next Keoki, Kulani and  
8 Napua, Kalei, Richard. And I do apologize in advance, we're  
9 not going to get to everybody. And I know you're not happy  
10 with that, but we have made some consistent rules around all  
11 of the 15 meetings to close at 9. So I apologize. But go  
12 ahead, Keoki.

13 MR. KEOKI MEDEIROS: Aloha mai kakou. My name is  
14 Keoki Medeiros. I'm here today because I feel it's part of  
15 my kuleana to come here and share my mana'o. Basically I  
16 want to say that I oppose all 19 questions before the  
17 Department of the Interior. You know, coming here today  
18 it's been hard, because I wrote a lot of stuff, and then I'm  
19 just like screw it, you know.

20 I know everybody is being nice to you, but for me,  
21 honest, I'm pissed. I'm F'n pissed that I'm here. Because  
22 to me, when I look at what's going on, the facts are there.  
23 The facts are there. The fact that the Department of  
24 Justice is here, what justice have we got? 120 years, and  
25 what have we got for 120 years? The desecration still

1 continues on Koakuloa. If you look at (Hawaiian word) the  
2 destruction continues there. Your prisons are filled with  
3 us. Us in Hawaii, we fill your prisons.

4 So to me, you know, coming here today in front of  
5 here and seeing all the kanaka here, why are you here? You  
6 guys knew that it should be Kerry's ass that should be here  
7 answering our questions, but yet you came. And to me, you  
8 came and everybody is showing aloha, but in my mind you guys  
9 came when your masters told you to come, and you guys saw a  
10 sunny vacation, you know.

11 I don't know about anybody, but anybody else over  
12 here work three hours a day, three hours and then you can go  
13 home? I don't got that job, you know. Three hours. You  
14 guys should sit your asses there and hear every single  
15 kanaka in this room before you go home. Seriously.  
16 Seriously, you know. (Applause). So, you know, with that  
17 said, you know, once again, 1 through 19 a'ole.

18 Also, I want to point out for all of you who say  
19 that, you know, Hawaiians, we are not together. The  
20 overwhelming echo that has been going through the islands  
21 has been a'ole. We have all, the majority has been a'ole.  
22 Now picture this, America. Okay, you goes go Iraq. When  
23 you guys go Iraq you go to their schools and you say, "You  
24 guys only going learn English from now on." You take away  
25 their culture. Do you think they would give you guys 120

1 years of peace? Seriously.

2           You know, so when you guys come here, I'm sorry, I  
3 no more aloha for you guys. I no aloha, not right now.  
4 Because, to me, once again, nobody works three hour days,  
5 you know. Over here saying that this going end at 9:00.  
6 Hell no. You guys should make one effort to sit your asses  
7 here and listen to everybody. (Applause)

8           FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you, Keoki. I have  
9 Kulani, Napua and Kalei.

10           MR. KULANI SILVA: (Hawaiian language spoken)

11 Aloha. Like my kupuna, who signed ku'e petitions in 1897  
12 from Maui, I want to say a'ole to the questions of the  
13 Department of the Interior, and also bringing to the light  
14 this switcheroo that's happened here. How come Dr.  
15 Kamanaopono Crabbe asked some questions to the Secretary of  
16 State and we get the Department of the Interior here?

17           We should have the Department of the State and  
18 John Kerry looking at a nation-to-nation for the Kingdom of  
19 Hawaii, and the nation of America, not the Department of  
20 Interior and American tribe. We are not a tribe, we are a  
21 kingdom, we are lahui, and anything else is disrespectful  
22 and insulting to the greatness of our alii, the greatness of  
23 our kupuna, the greatness of our mo'i.

24           And for our kanakas watching on Akaku and Pulelo  
25 and the Internet (Hawaiian word) hey, what I like. Maybe I

1 like what they get. All of that nation within a nation not  
2 good for us. Nations within a nation, American citizens,  
3 all of that is the reason for our high discrepancies and for  
4 the plight of our people. So for anything American, for  
5 your lahui, for you guy's policies of you guy's government,  
6 a'ole to all of that. (Applause)

7 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo, Kulani. I have Napua,  
8 and then after Napua I have Kalei.

9 MS. NAPUA GREIG NAKASONE: Aloha mai kakou.  
10 Mahalo for being here this evening. Mahalo to all of you,  
11 and mahalo e ko Maui. I'm so proud of all of you for coming  
12 out, and I too am overwhelmed by what is happening this  
13 evening. My name is (Hawaiian name). I am a mere shadow of  
14 the great-great kanaka I come from. I'm here tonight to  
15 strongly testify and answer no to the five questions that  
16 were presented in the ANPRN.

17 We do not need the Secretary to facilitate the  
18 re-establishment of our government. That is (Hawaiian  
19 word). We are completely capable of establishing our own  
20 government. I know it has been the United States of  
21 America's calculated strategy to throw us a bone, so to  
22 speak, with the 150 somewhat statutes that recognize us,  
23 such as the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the Native  
24 Hawaiian Education Act, and the Native Hawaiian Health Care  
25 Act, and make us believe we should be grateful for the

1 little pacifiers we have been given.

2 As you can see by their overwhelming response you  
3 have heard on Oahu, Hawaii island, Moloka'i, Kauai, and now  
4 here on Maui, we are no longer pacified. We are no longer  
5 blinded by the propoganda that hid our own history and our  
6 heritage from us for so many generations. We know who we  
7 are.

8 Question four, should the Secretary instead rely  
9 on the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government  
10 through a process established by the Native Hawaiian  
11 community, and facilitated by the State of Hawaii to the  
12 extent such a process is consistent with the federal law?  
13 Of course not.

14 I'm sure you have heard a very different voice, a  
15 very different thought process in these community meetings,  
16 and the voice you have been hearing from our elected  
17 leaders. Let this be a very clear picture of the disconnect  
18 of these leaders from the people they are supposed to be  
19 serving. Let us stop perpetuating the lie of Kana'iolowalu,  
20 signing up 125,000 people, when we know that is totally  
21 untrue. These initiatives haven't gotten our support,  
22 because we know we deserve more.

23 As kanaka, we descend from the most beloved  
24 leaders in the world. Our alii, our monarchs were so  
25 benevolent, often leaving all of life's fortune for the

1 betterment of the Hawaiian people. Why would we want  
2 America to help us re-establish our government when America  
3 cannot claim this of their presidents? This is our  
4 leadership legacy we come from, and with this rich and proud  
5 heritage we are ready to move forward.

6 I hear some people say we cannot move forward  
7 because Hawaiians cannot agree. I say to you kanaka who are  
8 still full of doubt, do Republicans and Democrats agree?  
9 Why then do we have this warped idea that we must all think  
10 the same? Our difference in opinions speaks to our  
11 intelligence. We are no longer blind, but we see so  
12 clearly. We do agree on fundamental mana'o, or we wouldn't  
13 be here this evening. We love this aina and we love each  
14 other. (Hawaiian language spoken).

15 Tonight I had one self-serving reason for being  
16 here. I want my testimony to be on record, just as my  
17 kupuna wahine's signature proudly sits on the ku'e petition  
18 of December 1897. I want my children, and my children's  
19 children, and their children after that to know beyond a  
20 shadow of a doubt that I wholeheartedly oppose the United  
21 States' occupation of my Hawaii, and I wholeheartedly pledge  
22 my allegiance to the Kingdom of Hawaii. Mahalo.  
23 (Applause).

24 FACILITATOR CHANG: Thank you. Kalei, and after  
25 Kalei I have Dan.



1 MR. KALEI KAE0: (Hawaiian language spoken)  
2 Aloha. No consent, never. No, Department of the Interior.  
3 No treaty, never. No, Department of Interior. No session  
4 of our citizenship. No, Department of Interior. No justice  
5 for our people for 120 years. No to the Department of  
6 Interior. No lawful authority to sit upon our people and  
7 step upon our necks. No to the Department of Interior.

8 My first question is, why are you here? So we got  
9 to think. Why have they come here? All of a sudden in  
10 their hearts they felt good to come to Hawaii to service the  
11 Hawaiian community? See, there's an agenda going on right  
12 here. We have got to maka'ala and wake up. But we can say,  
13 as you can see, we can see under the veil the underwear all  
14 dirty.

15 Who requested these hearings? Who self-anointed  
16 themselves to go to Washington DC and call you guys to come  
17 here and speak on our behalf? Not us. It's you guy's  
18 agenda. Who are these come through our doors? I want to  
19 know who are these imposters? Who are the cons?

20 See, they have you guys duped. They have you guys  
21 committing fraud. Even worse, these imposters betraying our  
22 people. They're pulling a scam. They're hoping to gyp,  
23 deceive, defraud, bamboozle our people to circumvent our  
24 peoples' right to our true political status: Nationality,  
25 citizenship, and right to self-determination.

1           So I want to know who. We have a right to know  
2 who they are, because our people have a right to know who  
3 they are. (Applause) See, I'm not against the DOI, but I'm  
4 against -- I'm anti lies, fraud, deceit, de-humanization and  
5 exploitation. The Department of the Interior, they're  
6 wicked, they're wicked, and I'm holding history. Look at  
7 the people, the American Indians, the kind of genocide.  
8 Stepping on them, stepping on them, pissing on them for all  
9 these generations, and you guys think that somehow you guys  
10 have some kind of great mandate. The mandate has been  
11 genocide upon these native peoples. How embarrassing.

12           Look at our Micronesian brothers and sisters under  
13 the Department of the Interior. Nuclear radiation, disease,  
14 (Unintelligible), destroy. Guinea pigs for the American  
15 nuclear weaponry to claim masses around the world. So we  
16 have to speak and represent for all of us victims. Our  
17 people in the Department of Interior, you guys need to speak  
18 the truth. And I'm just going to end, I know I stay pau.  
19 Five more pages I jump here. (Applause)

20           All this is, all this is is they tried for 120  
21 years, they tried to Clorox us. They tried to bleach us,  
22 bleach our brains, Clorox our souls. But you know what, we  
23 stayed kanaka. This kanaka stain is too strong. For 120  
24 years if it hasn't worked then, it's not going to work any  
25 more. We will be free. We demand our humanity. We demand

1 our place on this earth. This is Hawaii. Can they see we  
2 are human beings? Can they not see us as human beings? As  
3 Moses said unto Pharaoh, you are the representatives of  
4 Pharaoh. We say unto you, we demand let and set our people  
5 free. Aloha. (Applause).

6 FACILITATOR CHANG: Mahalo.

7 MR. RICHARD HOOPII: Aloha. To you my brothers  
8 and sisters on the different island of Moloka'i (Hawaiian  
9 language spoken). Remember me over there with the other  
10 shirt on? I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you.  
11 All the people that came out, my brothers and sisters to  
12 testify, I love you. Right or wrong, we're a humanity upon  
13 this earth, from the leader (unintelligible) our earth, and  
14 you and I, and I call him the Lord Jesus Christ. I come to  
15 make peace night. All the palapala that has been read is  
16 true because it's in facts. I don't need to reiterate that.  
17 But all I want to say to all my kupuna, to Uncle Alec, to  
18 all my friends, if I have offended you in any way, I am so  
19 sorry. I just come to speak my piece on behalf of my ohana.

20 (Hawaiian word) Richard Kealoha Hoopii, Senior.  
21 My son is out there somewhere, and I'm (unintelligible).  
22 I'm sorry for the words. These people here had an  
23 opportunity to mahaoe last week on the island of Moloka'i to  
24 pay for our wedding. I went to the meeting, I sat over  
25 there 20 minutes, I got all moved in listening to the

1 testimony. Here I sit over there for one hour, two hours  
2 more. I get (Hawaiian word) again.

3 I asked permission if I can come and talk, and  
4 here I am, just to say the things that each and every one of  
5 you, each and every one of us has a commitment to do. Look  
6 into ourselves. We have until 12:00 tonight to let go of  
7 the hewa. Tomorrow will come with or without your  
8 permission. With or without you and I. For tonight, before  
9 we leave, forgive one another. Forgive these people. They  
10 aren't representatives of the people they work for. Your  
11 tax and my taxes pay their wages. They come to represent  
12 by their imposters that sent them here.

13 Our people in OHA is there because they need a  
14 job. You and I, many retirements for the state, federal and  
15 the government that work for them to get our Social  
16 Security, so that we can continue to take care of family.  
17 Look at those things with your heart and your love, but  
18 don't forget you are kanaka maoli. Whether you have the  
19 koko or not, you are kanaka maoli. Believe in yourselves,  
20 let go all that hewa. The man is wiser than you and I.

21 My brothers and sisters, go home night, wherever  
22 you are, God (unintelligible) yell and scream and shout.  
23 Not in here. Yell, scream and shout to him, because you are  
24 combined with him. Please, if I offend you by my talks, I  
25 am so sorry. Please forgive me. Mahalo. I love all of

1 you.

2 Thank you, my brother, for being patient. I took  
3 the word Paul. Paul is my third kupuna, the name Paul. So  
4 kupuna said, go on, walk through, put the mic back and go  
5 sit down. (Applause).

6 FACILITATOR CHANG: I know that all of you are not  
7 going to be happy. It is now 9:00, and we are going to have  
8 to end. And I am really sorry, but we have had this policy  
9 that all meetings have finished at 9.

10 So I thank all of you. I know. So again, we want  
11 to thank all of you. This is the last meeting. Those of  
12 you who have not been able to make your oral comment, please  
13 submit your written comments. You have up until August 16,  
14 so please make your comments. I apologize if this is not  
15 satisfying, that you wanted more time, but please get your  
16 comments in. Again, mahalo.

17 (Public Meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.)

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