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

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

2 MS. CHANG: I'm going to call the first
3 five. Lillian Wakinekona, Joe Tassill, DeMont
4 Conner, Black Hoohuli, Samson Kama, and I have
5 Kuulei and Claude Laanui. So if you can, please
6 come up to the speaker on that side.

7 MS. WAKINEKONA: Aloha kakou. I am
8 Lillian Uilani Wakinekona, kanaka maoli. And I'm
9 glad to see everybody out here today to support us.
10 The response to your five issues that you
11 have brought to us, a'ole. I say no.

12 I applaud you for being here. It's a
13 tough job. But you guys, you got backbone;
14 especially you, Esther.

15 Okay. I tend to question the agenda of
16 those who are promoting their various versions of
17 government. The word sovereignty is bantered around
18 and I'm afraid that most people may not have
19 dissected the true definition, and the United States
20 has definitely not honored it. A supreme law-making
21 authority must be made absolutely clear and this
22 supreme law-making authority should be the selection
23 of the persons that are in this community and it
24 feels trustworthy to elect those persons from our
25 own community.

1 We are kanaka maoli. We are respected and
2 we loved our monarchy, and we have a government.
3 Our government is established. We just need to have
4 you, kanaka maoli, step up and take the
5 responsibility to take care of the person in front
6 of you, to the left, to the right and behind you and
7 stand united, ku'e.

8 Aloha. Mahalo for letting me speak.

9 MR. TASSILL: Aloha kakou. Waianae is
10 known to have a video program called Hiki No. Give
11 us the chance and we will hike no. Hiki no? Can
12 do. Nation within a nation, nation alongside a
13 nation, nation that stands alone, a combination of
14 some if not all. But give us the opportunity. Hiki
15 no. We can. Thank you.

16 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Uncle Joe.

17 DeMont?

18 MR. CONNER: Aloha. My name is DeMont
19 Conner, as you already know. I was with you
20 yesterday. I'm the son of Katherine Emily Manaole
21 Connor. She married my father. Born and raised 100
22 percent Hawaiian in Kakaako, and I stand in the gap
23 for my mom who passed away in '96. Aloha, Esther.
24 Aloha to you.

25 So my comment is that we have no reason to

1 trust what you're doing, because we see from the
2 past 200 years what you've done to the Native
3 Americans and that they have no sovereignty. They
4 have no ability for self-determination, except for
5 the few crumbs that you allow them to do.

6 If I have true self-determination, then I
7 have the ability to tell you pack up your stuff and
8 leave. Because I cannot do that, what you selling
9 us is a bill of rotten goods. So please, please --
10 I understand what you're trying to do here, but it's
11 not what we're looking for. What we're looking for
12 is for you to put in your reports --

13 The Department of Justice is here.
14 Department of Justice, you do investigate crimes;
15 right? There's a crime that's committed upon my
16 people. Investigate that. And say to the
17 President, You gotta be held accountable. United
18 States has to be held accountable for what they did.
19 We need to pack up and leave Hawaii and let the
20 Hawaiians determine for themselves what they need.
21 Aloha.

22 MR. HOOHULI: Aloha everybody. I no like
23 speaking over here. Aloha, guys. Good to see you
24 guys here. Everybody make you guys scared, yeah?
25 You should be scared.

1 Anyway, my thing is a little bit different
2 from what's going on with this kingdom and
3 everything.

4 Number one, I like know why you guys send
5 out something like this when our people don't even
6 know what the hell is going on.

7 Number two, our Department of Hawaiian
8 Homes, I wonder if they know what's going on,
9 because we didn't know nothing from the Hawaiian
10 Homes.

11 And I think you guys gotta step on the gas
12 and figure out who is the beneficiary and who is the
13 Native Hawaiian. I hope you guys know. Everybody
14 in the house, you guys know who's the Native
15 Hawaiian? Who's the beneficiary? How many of you
16 guys [inaudible]? Now I know how many beneficiaries
17 in the house. We better step up on that.

18 The other thing is, when you guys get this
19 kind of program like this, we sure need to know what
20 the hell is -- what's going on. Because I tell you,
21 as much as you guys trying to get something on us,
22 the same thing with us, we trying to know what's
23 going on or how this thing came about. Why are we
24 doing this? Only you folks know.

25 When you say government-to-government with

1 the Native Hawaiian community, which community are
2 we talking about? When you say Native Hawaiian
3 community, you talking to me. It's the general
4 public. It's the whole state. And there goes my
5 beneficiaries still wrap up in the corner. Nobody's
6 paying attention to them. Aloha.

7 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Uncle. Thank you.
8 The next speakers are going to be Samson Kama,
9 Kuulei, Claude, Maurice Rosete, Kamahana Kealoha and
10 Kanani Kama.

11 You know, I have a little style about me
12 and I hope it's not offending anybody. As you get
13 closer to your time is up, I'm going to put my hand
14 close to you. If I put my hand on you, that
15 probably means your time is up. Okay? I apologize
16 in advance if I offend anybody, but I'm trying to be
17 very diplomatic.

18 MR. KAMA: Aloha to all in attendance, to
19 the Department of the Interior and Justice.
20 Welcome. My name is Samson Kama and I am a proud
21 kanaka maoli of the islands of Hawaii.

22 To you, the Department of the Interior, on
23 your questions, all of your frequently asked
24 questions that's on your form, the answer is no.
25 And you gonna get no everywhere you go here in the

1 islands.

2 For me, I have a question for you, because
3 you being here is the answer that was asked of John
4 Kerry by Kamanao Crabbe; are we still recognized as
5 an international government or country. We know the
6 answer. But do you know the answer?

7 The other thing is, the word trust like
8 DeMont said, trust -- can we trust you after all was
9 done to us? Do you think you have the best interest
10 for us, the native and indigenous people here in the
11 islands? The answer is no. If it was yes, you
12 would pack up your things, take it away and you
13 would have corrected the wrong that was done to us
14 back in the days of 1893, the illegal overthrow.

15 From the children of the missionaries that
16 came here -- and the root word for missionaries is
17 mission. You're on a mission here, sent by the
18 Department of the Interior, to confuse the people.
19 So what we need to do is get clarification of why we
20 need your recognition for who we are under
21 international law.

22 Thank you very much. And I wish you could
23 answer that question here tonight for all the people
24 in attendance.

25 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

1 MS. KUULEI: Aloha. My name is Kuulei. I
2 just have some information that I would like to
3 share with everyone. I'm a descendent of the
4 aboriginal Hawaiian, an heir to all what my parents
5 were an heir of.

6 In the genealogy, my mother by birthright
7 from the senior line, not the junior line, the
8 senior royal bloodline Leilani, by birthright name,
9 Leilani Kiaa Kauī Kaliliokalani Kalaeloa, mother of
10 the islands, earthly daughter of air, fire and
11 water, living descendants of Umi-a-Liloa, most
12 beloved of ancient native kings -- lies the history
13 of our Hawaiian people.

14 My mother, also, the founder and the
15 creator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, sealed,
16 certified, registered here in the early 1950s. When
17 she established this agency of this foundation here,
18 she had made it for the Hawaiian people, her people
19 that she loved. She had created this foundation,
20 strongly believed that we are not welfare
21 recipients. No. We are stockholders in our own
22 country and in our own islands, in our own lands.

23 Her goals was to set aside a trust fund
24 bank account set aside for all Hawaiians, that they
25 could have their own checks every month from the

1 revenue sharings and to protect our crown lands
2 under our Hawaiian kingdom, and also, for every
3 foreigner coming to our islands to stay, every
4 dollar they make through all these hotels and
5 business, to take out fifty cents, half of every
6 dollar set aside in a trust fund bank account and to
7 keep the education for our Hawaiian language and our
8 culture alive for our children and our people and
9 much, much more.

10 OHA, what it is today, a state agency,
11 which my mother never dreamed of, that has neglected
12 the Hawaiians and signed up -- mother never signed
13 up for that to happen.

14 And the Department of Hawaiian Homes said
15 -- who only gives us land if we buy a house from
16 them. Who has 300,000 in their wallets? What
17 Native Hawaiian has that kind of money? They have
18 appointed themselves to represent us without our
19 knowledge, without full understanding and without
20 our consent. They have restricted our -- redirected
21 our monies elsewhere, selling our lands without our
22 authorization, appointing themselves as trustees and
23 representatives, getting their hands in the cookie
24 jar while we go without.

25 MS. CHANG: Can you summarize?

1 MS. KUULEI: The State has constantly been
2 stealing from the Hawaiians, their agencies and
3 entities.

4 We've had a Hawaiian kingdom, a nation
5 that was just as equal to the United states, with
6 our own treaties. Now, you as the federal
7 government --

8 Don't be rude and interrupt me. I'm
9 almost done. Thank you for your patience.

10 All we want to do is be independent
11 economically and develop our own. This is a matter
12 between us, the Native Hawaiians here.

13 MS. CHANG: Could you summarize?

14 MS. KUULEI: -- and to the state and
15 federal government to restore and give back our
16 freedom and our identity to run our own country and
17 our own islands, to restore back for what was done
18 wrong to us so long ago and make it right with the
19 Hawaiian people.

20 We are aboriginals from the bloodline from
21 the roots of the family tree, not from the leaves of
22 the tree, but from the roots, and our properties and
23 our land is not for sale.

24 Whereas a claim for repair of these wrongs
25 on behalf of the Hawaiian aboriginals, that this

1 issue must be corrected here and now, whereas the
2 beliefs and faith that the right of man not -- comes
3 not from the generosity of the United States, but
4 from the hand of God almighty. We dare not forget
5 today that we are heirs and proud of it.

6 MS. CHANG: Excuse me.

7 MS. KUULEI: -- [inaudible] and still
8 maintaining our blessings as dignified and humble
9 people, friendly Hawaiian people.

10 My mother was a kahuna pule, a healer, a
11 chiefess [inaudible].

12 I thank you, the federal, for traveling
13 from afar to be here today with us to witness this
14 very important matter. You have a task at hand --

15 MS. CHANG: Kuulei, excuse me. E kala
16 mai.

17 MS. KUULEI: This information is for fact.
18 Today of our Lord, June 24th, 2014. God bless each
19 and every one of you, our Hawaiian race and our
20 Hawaiian Islands. Mahalo and malama pono.

21 MS. CHANG: E kala mai. I realize that
22 there's not enough time to say what you have to say,
23 but I have 125 people here who have signed up to
24 speak, so I would ask for your courtesy, your
25 courtesy to all the others here who have come to

1 speak.

2 So the next person to speak is Claude
3 Laanui, Maurice Rosete, Kamahana Kealoha, Kanani
4 Kama and Auntie Alice Greenwood.

5 So Claude Laanui is next. Is Claude here?
6 Then we will go to Maurice Rosete.

7 MR. ROSETE: No worry, everybody. I gonna
8 keep it short. Oh. Cannot come up? Okay. Let me
9 bring 'em down. How's that? Okay. Twenty seconds.

10 I get something heavy on my heart. My
11 name is Maurice Kealohaainanamokueha Rosete. My
12 dad, Emilio Rosete, died on the beach in Waianae as
13 a homeless Hawaiian and a proud homeless Hawaiian.
14 He told me -- when I made it in my life and I became
15 a man and I got married, I asked my dad to live with
16 me, and he told me, Nah, I'd rather live with the
17 Hawaiians down the beach, you go live in the haole
18 world. And he died in 2009, Waianae beach, heart
19 attack, and I just want to thank you guys for taking
20 care of him.

21 And this is my auntie over here from OHA.
22 You know, I was so pissed off with OHA, because they
23 American politicians and they for the State of
24 Hawaii. And the State of Hawaii got took over just
25 like the Soviet Union getting taken over by the

1 annexation. Crimea is getting taken over by the
2 annexation and UK. They going into the government
3 buildings. They shooting everybody. They putting
4 guns to their head and they're saying, This is the
5 Soviet Union now.

6 This is what America did. 'kay? But you
7 gotta understand that OHA was aloha before. They
8 was a nonprofit organization and their main purpose
9 was to stop the bombing on Kahoolawe, and they did.
10 And that was my mother's generation.

11 Our generation now, we get OHA. You know
12 what? Even though they one state representative, I
13 still love my Auntie Machado and I still -- I still
14 love my cousin, Dana Ona, who represent Kauai and
15 Niihau, and I'm proud of him and the whole family is
16 proud of him. He's a monarch. He's a monarch. But
17 you know what? He get one job for do, and everybody
18 does. No hate them, because they only people and
19 they Hawaiians. Mahalo.

20 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Next I have Kamahana.

21 MR. KEALOHA: Aloha mai kakou. Aloha, Ms.
22 Kia'aina. I want to start with you, if it's okay.
23 And I say all of this with aloha. But sometimes it
24 comes a time to say the truth. Okay?

25 You say you do not have the power to

1 restore the Hawaiian Kingdom's independence, but you
2 can go back to your bosses and impress upon them
3 that they are in violation of international law and
4 influence the Secretary of State to enter into
5 discussion about our demands, can't you?

6 Oswald Stender said it's too late to turn
7 back the clock and restore independence. However,
8 Greece achieved its independence after 400 years.
9 The British restored Hong Kong to its proper
10 political status after 150 years. [Inaudible]
11 Excuse me. I have aloha for you, but it's time for
12 the truth. Yeah?

13 You're pushing a federal recognition
14 through Kana'iolowalu, and Na'alehu Anthony -- the
15 other day -- is a commissioner on the Native
16 Hawaiian Roll. That's called conflict of interest.
17 You guys should not be testifying here. They should
18 throw your testimony out.

19 On 5/29, Rowena Akana said, No wonder
20 everyone thinks all Hawaiians are idiots, and then
21 asked that if federal recognition is not our choice,
22 what is it, and then she walked out of the room as
23 we gave our options.

24 Now this is my option: I propose an
25 indefinite moratorium on all stolen crown and

1 government lands. I propose education regarding the
2 two [inaudible] occupations and political status of
3 the Hawaiian Kingdom be institutionalized along with
4 the Hawaiian language in all schools. We must be
5 given unlimited use of Hawaii facilities and funds
6 to provide for nationhood advancement where everyone
7 can have a seat at the table and we can work this
8 out. I believe this is our legal right.

9 My answer to every single one of your
10 questions, for the record, again, is no, no, no, no,
11 no. And you have no jurisdiction. This is a
12 belligerent occupation. Go home. Leave us alone.
13 Gives us our assets back.

14 MS. CHANG: All right. Next I have Kanani
15 Kama, Alice Greenwood, Inez Larson, Poki'i and Karen
16 Abersold.

17 MS. KAMA: Aloha mai kakou. My name is
18 Kanani, and I wasn't gonna speak today, but I want
19 to be heard. And my answer is no. That's it.

20 MS. CHANG: Firecracker. Okay. Auntie
21 Alice.

22 MS. GREENWOOD: Aloha. I'm Alice
23 Greenwood, and this is my thing:

24 Yes. That's for number one, question one.
25 Yes, please. We need effective implication or trust

1 relationship to ensure we, the native people of
2 Hawaii, is given a voice upon our lands, culture and
3 relationships, not only through the federal
4 government and Native Hawaiian community, but most
5 of all to ensure everyone is given a voice, not a
6 chosen few.

7 Number two, yes, please. We need to hear
8 the voices as well as to entrust and ensure that
9 everyone is given a voice and a time.

10 OHA and other Native Hawaiian
11 organizations should ensure we have small community
12 meetings, not be marred by others who tend to take
13 over. Many times person/persons tend to walk, talk
14 over the voices of those who are shy. We need a
15 common ground to ensure everyone is heard and
16 listened to.

17 Number three: Under the direction and
18 principles of our justice system, government
19 officials and lay persons to draft a process, the
20 final resolution, they and the voice -- votes -- the
21 voice and the votes of the Native Hawaiian people.

22 Question to number four: Department of
23 Hawaiian Home Lands was based on the federal law and
24 federal initiative, but much corruption concern has
25 been done and still exists 'til today. The

1 Secretary should be a driving force. Our state in
2 itself has been known to be corrupt itself.

3 Number five: To work in a common
4 understanding so our children can set their rights
5 based on the historical ties to our islands, their
6 culture, their language and a traditional way that
7 is rightfully theirs.

8 Thank you.

9 MS. CHANG: I just want to remind you if
10 you have a written comment and you want to leave it
11 here, please feel free to leave it here, as well.

12 Next is Inez, Poki'i and Karen. Inez?

13 MS. LARSON: Aloha. My name is Inez
14 Larson. Sorry. I ran across campus.

15 I would just like to say no to the
16 proposed rule change as far as making the Hawaiians
17 Native American tribes. We're not a subculture. We
18 have heirs. I myself have dual citizenship. My
19 father is an American from Omaha, Nebraska. So
20 there are heirs.

21 When the monarchy was overthrown, as I'm
22 sure you know, they were forced with American
23 citizenship, but they were still alive. When the
24 queen was overthrown, she became an American
25 citizen. So the family is still alive.

1 The tribunal and the congress and the
2 council of chiefs, they maintained their devotion to
3 the kingdom and it was perpetuated generationally.
4 It's only been four generations, so the stories go
5 into grandma was affected by this, you know; great
6 grandma and stuff. The stories in the house are
7 like that.

8 So there are enough people to maintain a
9 kingdom to have relations with America for America
10 to occupy. The conversation can be had. And that's
11 my stand. I would like to see that.

12 As an American citizen, I don't want my
13 citizenship. I want Hawaiian citizenship. I don't
14 want to have to go to Italy to become a citizen. I
15 want Hawaiian citizenship, and as an American, I'm
16 ready to forsake my -- I don't want my citizenship.

17 So as the inhabitants, we're entitled to
18 full benefits of the occupying force. So whatever
19 the occupying force has to give to us, I'm ready to
20 receive that. I need that. I need that help while
21 you guys are occupying us, and I use the help.

22 And that's all. Thank you.

23 MS. CHANG: Poki'i, who I think has
24 stepped down, so mahalo. And I have Karen. After
25 Karen, I have Polly Grace, Paulette, Paula Aila and

1 Lancelot Lincoln.

2 MS. ABERSOLD: Aloha. Can you hear me?
3 Thank you very much for the opportunity to come
4 here. Can you hear me now? Sorry. How's this?
5 Can you hear me now?

6 All right. So I really need you folks to
7 help me understand that this process that you call a
8 time frame for rule making process, that it's within
9 your guidelines, it's within your confines, as many
10 people have said here. So when you're going to, you
11 know, take a discussion -- this is a dialogue -- and
12 everyone is not represented here, obviously, because
13 there hasn't been a timely and also a rule making
14 process notification, you know. Everyone has not
15 been notified in the proper manner and the proper
16 time so that we can prepare. So.

17 I wasn't really prepared to come here to,
18 you know, to give this testimony and/or comment
19 and/or questions. It's really upsetting, truly very
20 upsetting, and there's a lot of passion here because
21 it starts with the overthrow. That's where it
22 starts from. So that's why we feel very
23 passionately, very emotionally about this matter.
24 So you need to start -- please, understand, start
25 from there.

1 So no, to all of the questions. Insofar
2 as should the Secretary be in some kind of
3 administrative rule capacity? No.

4 Should it be in terms of assisting? Not
5 necessarily. I'm saying no in terms of yes, if
6 there's an apology, which an apology bill has been
7 recognized with Bill Clinton, then there should be
8 on that basis we form -- and I'm asking the
9 capacity, the role you play would be to go back to
10 the Congress and say, Based upon restitution being
11 made, so that we can form a reorganization.

12 So the other question was: Can you --
13 what role can you play? How can you help us
14 reorganize? Because the monarchy was overthrown and
15 it's been -- an apology bill made. Okay? So based
16 upon that, you should go according to that's your
17 real role, your capacity, yeah, operate and --
18 operate in that capacity.

19 Insofar as how can you help? Help in
20 terms of restitution compensation. Help in terms of
21 helping us to reorganize. Okay? Based upon that,
22 that's what I'm saying, you know, and it's going to
23 make a lot of people happy in terms of that there is
24 a real genuine apology.

25 And that's how you show concretely you're

1 genuine in this time frame rule making process that
2 you have us under. Yeah?

3 Because if there is going to be 15 other
4 meetings, what does it mean no action? What have
5 you done prior to this? What recording do you have
6 that you've done? That's basically what I'm trying
7 to say, is that if you are really here to do
8 something genuinely -- because you said this is
9 dialogue and discussion, then that's where it starts
10 from. Make the apology in a concrete manner. Thank
11 you.

12 MS. CHANG: Next I have Polly Grace. Is
13 Polly here? And then I have -- is it Paulette? And
14 then I have Paula Aila and Lancelot Lincoln. Are
15 you next? If you can state your name --

16 MS. GRACE: Aloha kakou. My name is Polly
17 Grace, better known as Granny from Lanikuhonua
18 Cultural Center to Kaena.

19 When I was in high school 60 years ago, I
20 learned about Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole and I
21 learned he went to Congress three times for the
22 Native Hawaiians and three times -- I see you guys
23 doing that -- yeah, he was denied. So I'm here
24 telling you make the wrong right.

25 MS. CHANG: This is Paulette? Okay.

1 Could I have Paula and Lancelot come up?

2 MS. DIBIBARA: Good evening and thank you
3 for coming to our community to hear our voices. My
4 name is Paulette Dibibara.

5 You stated earlier about the Native
6 Hawaiian changes, yeah, and if the Native Hawaiians
7 would want you folks to play a part in our changes,
8 but you're not here to change the Hawaiian people,
9 who we are. I think you have the gall to say that,
10 make that statement, because America has made
11 changes in the Hawaiian people and it started from
12 way back, in the time of the monarchy and the reigns
13 and before that. Hawaiian people was mistreated,
14 stepped on, misused and abused by the white man. So
15 why cannot the United States confess to that
16 wrongdoing, the mistreatment, and give back to what
17 they have done to the people of the islands?

18 It's like the people of Kauai -- many of
19 them do not recognize themselves as members of the
20 State of Hawaii. They do not recognize themselves
21 as people of the United States of America, and they
22 have every right to do that and I do applaud the
23 people of Kauai. A lot of the old-timers I've met
24 and talked to, they stand on their grounds, and I
25 applaud that island. Too bad all the islands cannot

1 be like that. We all stand and we have to ku'e.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Auntie.

4 MS. AILA: Aloha. I'm Paula Aila. I grew
5 up on Waimanalo homestead and I'm a resident of Ewa
6 Beach now, so west side resident.

7 My testimony is that legislators at the
8 city, state, federal levels and trustees of the five
9 trusts have had decades and generations to correct
10 the injustice. Yet the injustice continues. I have
11 two minutes. I don't think that's enough time, but
12 I'll take it, compared to your generations of trying
13 to fix this.

14 I'll start with what I don't want. I
15 don't want another generation to go by without
16 complete recognition, commitment and complete and
17 total compensation to correct the injustices forced
18 upon Native Hawaiians.

19 My family is seven generations into this
20 discussion already and it's time that we just move
21 it forward and accelerate it. Two generations have
22 passed already. I don't want self-appointed and
23 self-serving individuals and factions existing
24 within our Hawaiian community, portraying themselves
25 as representatives of the entire Hawaiian community,

1 and I wanted you to hear that, because they do not
2 represent me and my ohana.

3 And I think there are factions that have
4 had separate discussions with your team members that
5 I don't appreciate, because we don't have privy to
6 that discussion. So I object to that.

7 What I do want to help guide this solution
8 along, and I specifically am addressing question
9 number four --

10 And by the way, there's 19 questions, not
11 just five, so I would take a look at the Department
12 of the Interior website.

13 -- finish off where the apology fell short
14 after 1993. I walked in that march. We didn't do
15 it because we were just killing time. Finish it
16 off. You have the resources and you have the money
17 to do it, so do it. It's pretty simple. You fund a
18 lot of other things throughout the nation and
19 throughout this state. Take the money that is in
20 our trust and help our community to finish this.

21 Assert and recognize the uniqueness of the
22 Native Hawaiian community through real legislation,
23 not postural legislation. Return all assets, ceded
24 lands, associated monies, including trust money,
25 back to Native Hawaiian individuals.

1 The federal government needs to shift the
2 mindset that our history and ancestry is the same as
3 Native American Indians. So why not use that model,
4 because it's easy; right? That's an easy path, but
5 that's not our path. It's well-documented of their
6 history and I don't want to be a part of that. The
7 federal government needs to disassociate the Native
8 Hawaiian situation from the Native Indian process.
9 We are not the same. We are not Indians and we are
10 not a tribal people.

11 Dismantle factions like Kana'iolowalu.
12 That was a mess. It was -- strategy was flawed, at
13 best. The commissioners, along with the financial
14 support from OHA, was just -- there were millions of
15 dollars spent on that and where are we today? They
16 got a sliver of people signing up for that. They
17 led us down the wrong path and I don't agree with
18 that. I --

19 Lastly, because I see some trust members
20 in the house, Kamehameha Schools, OHA -- there's
21 others -- I want all the trusts to step up their
22 game to participate in nation building. I don't see
23 them participating in this. They receive millions
24 upon millions of dollars of our trust money. And
25 what are they doing for it? They're very selective

1 in their process, and that separates the community.
2 Kamehameha Schools in their selection process
3 separates our community. OHA with their funding
4 separates our community. OHA, Kamehameha Schools --
5 I forget the other one, but they're separating our
6 community with the process that they have in place.

7 So please move us forward as quickly as
8 possible.

9 MS. CHANG: Could I have the next
10 speakers, Lancelot Lincoln, Reginald Kalahiki, Eric
11 Wahilani, Glen Kila, Leilani Basham and Ileana
12 Ruelas? Could you please come up here so we can
13 move it right along? Thank you.

14 MR. LINCOLN: Aloha kakou. My name is
15 Lancelot Haili Lincoln. I'm a direct descendent of
16 Kamehameha I and I have my mo'o ku'auhau -- you know
17 what that means -- genealogy to prove this for a
18 fact.

19 First of all, before I make a statement, I
20 want to ask you a question, Attorney General.
21 You're the Attorney General, so you should -- as I
22 do from studying law -- that it takes the votes of
23 at least two-thirds of 38 states to change the law.
24 You can answer that later.

25 All people on military installations here

1 on our Hawaiian Island Kingdom of Kamehameha I lands
2 may not come out of their installations and/or base,
3 being we kanaka, Hawaiians, are not allowed onto
4 their installations. They need to pay the Hawaiian
5 Kingdom one trillion per year to continue their
6 operations within our land, air space, ocean and
7 ocean basin, and protect our kingdom from all
8 intruders wanting to cause the kanaka Hawaiians any
9 type of harm, including themselves, the United
10 States of America.

11 Department of the Interior's job is to
12 identify indigenous people, the needs of those
13 people and provide resources for them. To place one
14 Hawaiian group here in the Hawaiian Islands over all
15 other Hawaiian groups, like mine, Na Keiki O Hawaii
16 na hui, is to me a form of discrimination and
17 injustice. I'm sure you know what that means,
18 attorney.

19 We kanakas, Hawaiians, say no to the
20 government-to-government relationship with the
21 United States of America and the Hawaiian Islands
22 Kingdom of Kamehameha I. However, we do support a
23 nation-to-nation relationship with America and all
24 other countries. Mahalo.

25 MR. KALAHIKI: Aloha, everybody. My name

1 is Reginald Kalahiki. I'd just like to thank the
2 Department of the Interior for coming down.

3 But really, the truth -- what is the
4 truth? The truth is what everybody is seeking, and
5 if the truth come out, declared, the truth will set
6 everybody free to the point that what was wrong
7 could be made right and what was right can be made
8 in the future more right for our Hawaiians,
9 non-Hawaiians.

10 Filipinos at work telling me, Are you
11 going to kick me off the land when all of this go
12 through? I said, No, we need you folks. They're
13 part of the land. They're part of Hawaii. They're
14 part of who we are. But I think once the truth come
15 out that America did what America did --

16 First, let's step back. Provisional
17 government did what provisional government did.
18 First let's go back. Missionary reformists did what
19 they did, as far as the children of the
20 missionaries, not the missionaries themselves. It
21 was their children.

22 So if the truth come out, I think the
23 first answer will help us move to the next one; how
24 do we get to the next forum of forming the
25 government. But the truth must come out and America

1 must know that what they did was wrong.

2 And I only got 30 seconds, so I just
3 wanted to thank you. And the truth come out, that's
4 what all the people want, the truth.

5 The next question is: How we gonna get
6 everybody from pulling down everybody in the cooler
7 and put our minds together and govern for the next
8 -- for our children's children's children, so that
9 we can get something, who's to say, not in the
10 trillions? Because if America wasn't or didn't do
11 what they did, who's to say we would be Kingdom of
12 Hawaii still yet?

13 Okay. I gotta leave. But if it is true
14 we gonna be set free, we gonna know the truth that
15 -- Hawaiians, we can do it, but we gotta do it
16 together.

17 MS. CHANG: Eric, Glen, Leilani.

18 MR. WAHILANI: Aloha mai [Hawaiian
19 language spoken]. My name is Eric Wahilani. I came
20 up here to show my mana'o to the panelists. A'ole,
21 no to your questions.

22 But everyone that testified yesterday at
23 the State Capitol, at Waimanalo, here in Nanakuli,
24 Kapolei, where you folks are going, I guarantee you
25 99 percent gonna be a'ole. And all the people that

1 come here, our people -- the Hawaiian Kingdom was a
2 multi-ethnicity group. It was a kakou thing. So
3 being that, Native Hawaiians -- yes, I am Native
4 Hawaiian. I'm one Hawaiian nationalist.

5 But like brother Reggie said, we all
6 should work together. One commonality we get, to
7 right what was wrong. Yeah? I seek justice for my
8 people, for my kupuna, for my children in the
9 future, for my grandchildren. I seek restitution of
10 the wrongs that was done to our people. We never
11 ask you folks for come over here. We was here
12 already, you know, so -- and as of --

13 Sam, the Department of Justice, I seek
14 justice for our people.

15 That's all I have to say. And a house
16 divided cannot stand. Okay? I see all my people
17 over here, all my people, everyone. We get
18 different backgrounds, but we belong to one kingdom.
19 That's the Hawaiian Kingdom. Okay? So aloha
20 everybody.

21 MR. KILA: Aloha mai, panel, and to the
22 community. My name is Glen Makakualii Kila and I'm
23 a lineal descendant of Kaena Waianae, our home for
24 the last 2,000 years.

25 My question to the panel is very, very

1 simple, and that is to follow the federal and
2 international law, and that's where you would have
3 the answer. Give back our kingdom. Mahalo.

4 MS. CHANG: Next is Leilani and then
5 Ileana.

6 MS. BASHAM: [Hawaiian language spoken.]
7 According to Emma Nawahi in 1898, she
8 stated [Hawaiian language spoken], pushing back
9 against, resisting against, using the word ku'e,
10 which is to oppose, to stand against, and kupa'a,
11 which is stand firm. She spoke of it in the present
12 tense, saying, We are standing firm and opposing
13 what you are asking of us. And here we are, 120
14 years later [Hawaiian language spoken].

15 To each of your questions, I say a'ole --
16 at least to the first five, because I haven't had a
17 chance to read the other 14. Mahalo to whoever that
18 was before highlighting that there are more
19 questions in here. We haven't had enough time to
20 answer these -- to look at the questions, much less
21 answer them.

22 But what we do know is that we can
23 resurrect our nation. Not even resurrect -- we are
24 our nation. Our nation still exists, and we don't
25 need anyone else, a state government, a federal

1 government, an internalized government, we don't
2 need OHA, we don't need Kana'iolowalu to tell us who
3 we are. [Hawaiian language spoken]. Mahalo.

4 MS. CHANG: After Ileana, I have -- if you
5 could come up -- Melva Aila, Karen Awana, Kalehua
6 Krug and James Kelii.

7 MS. RUELAS: Aloha mai kakou. My name is
8 Ileana Haunani Ruelas. I'm from Maili.

9 And my answers, to be clear, to each of
10 your questions is: No, no, no, no and no. A nation
11 within a nation or government-to-government
12 relationship framework benefits the overseeing
13 nation of America, just as colonies benefit an
14 empire.

15 According to you, our power would be
16 proscribed by the federal government's needs and
17 desires. For example, that means the overseeing
18 nation of America, in this case, would have ultimate
19 control and power over our natural resources in our
20 own nation. This means that any economic structure
21 that benefits the nation of America would be
22 maintained even if it was not in the best interest
23 of Hawaiians. So I say no.

24 Just as the military training, dumping,
25 environmental devastation, the diversion of water

1 for endless developments is maintained because it
2 contributes to the profitability of America is
3 maintained. It maintains at the expense of the
4 Native Hawaiian community. So my answer is no.

5 The history and current state of a nation
6 to nation -- within a nation framework as managed by
7 the DOI has been pretty deplorable. So I also think
8 that the relationship of just with the Native
9 Hawaiian community is odd, because our history of
10 the Hawaiian kingdom, it was a multi-ethnic nation.
11 And so this marginalizes our story and disconnects
12 us from our potential future of Hawaii. So to be
13 clear, my answer is no.

14 And I did propose one or two solutions
15 that maybe you could go back and propose to your
16 departments. The first is that you return crown
17 lands, stolen lands. The second is perhaps that you
18 would work with the military defense to actually pay
19 the current real estate value until such time as a
20 moratorium on those resources can be alleviated.

21 To sum up -- Andre asked a very important
22 question: Does this process close our pathway
23 towards autonomy? And from my understanding, the
24 answer is yes, and so my answer to you is no. Thank
25 you.

1 MS. CHANG: We have Melva, Karen Awana,
2 Kalehua Krug, James Kelii, Andre Perez, Timothy
3 Troxell.

4 MS. AILA: Aloha. My name is Melva Aila.
5 Aloha to the panel and to -- a big mahalo to you,
6 Esther, for all your efforts and hard work.

7 I feel this administrative rule the
8 Interior is proposing is a pathway to justice.

9 Question one: Should the Secretary
10 propose an administrative rule that would facilitate
11 the reestablishment of a government-to-government
12 relationship? I say yes. If this process can
13 achieve federal recognition to Native Hawaiians,
14 then most definitely yes, if by saying yes prevents
15 attacks on Native Hawaiian entitlements such as
16 health care for kupuna and Hawaiians, education for
17 keiki, scholarships for adults going to college and
18 then going to get their master's; also, our Hawaiian
19 Home lands, not having our homes or land taken away.
20 It's a no-brainer, my answer is yes.

21 Question two: Should the Secretary assist
22 the Native Hawaiian community in reorganizing its
23 government? Yes. They should assist by supporting,
24 giving resources and funding so we can organize our
25 Native Hawaiian government. But no way should they

1 ever try to control the process.

2 Question three: If so, what process
3 should be established? We have Act 195 in place.
4 The Native Hawaiian government should develop their
5 -- that process.

6 Question four: Should the Secretary
7 instead rely on the reorganization of a Native
8 Hawaiian government through a process established by
9 the Native Hawaiian community? Yes. Being
10 consistent with federal law is a hard pill to
11 swallow, but it is a start. Who knows as we near
12 the end of this process we'll have a different
13 outcome.

14 Question five: If so, what conditions
15 should be established? Conditions is for our Native
16 Hawaiian government to decide.

17 Mahalo for this time to speak.

18 MS. AWANA: Aloha ahi'ahi kakou. Good
19 evening, everyone. I'm State Representative Karen
20 Awana and I also serve as the Economic Development
21 Chair for the National Caucus of Native American and
22 Native Hawaiian State Legislators, so I'm quite
23 familiar with the issues that our Native American
24 brothers and sisters are enduring. Thank you to the
25 Department of the Interior and your staff for coming

1 to Hawaii to hear the comments from our Native
2 Hawaiian community.

3 Events spanning 121 years have taken place
4 in which questionable actions of the United States
5 government adversely affected the Native Hawaiian
6 population. There was an opposition to the
7 overthrow by then-President Cleveland in 1893. The
8 recognition of the coup d'etat through the Apology
9 Resolution from Congress and President Clinton. 100
10 years later, in 1993, the request for recourse from
11 Senator Akaka from 2000 to 2012. And President
12 Obama expressed his support during his run for the
13 presidency in 2006.

14 And as stated in your recent press
15 release, in 2000, the Department of the Interior and
16 the Department of Justice jointly issued a report on
17 the reconciliation process, and since this report,
18 reconciliation has been afforded to other ethnic
19 groups. Meanwhile, the Native Hawaiians have waited
20 patiently while being pushed to the end of the line.

21 Actions are being taken at the Hawaii
22 state level to rectify this situation, where
23 Governor Abercrombie signed into law Act 195 in
24 2011, which was introduced and passed by the Hawaii
25 State Legislature to recognize Native Hawaiians.

1 And now I share with you my insights as a
2 Native Hawaiian whose family roots have extended
3 back to the 1800s in this community, a neighborhood
4 with the highest concentration of Native Hawaiians
5 in the world.

6 One with a sense of reason can only
7 question why the interest at this time. A cloud of
8 doubt has been cast over the intentions of the U.S.
9 when the momentum is beginning for Hawaiians and now
10 the DOI expresses interest. This is not the first
11 time inquiries were made on this issue. We've
12 waited for over 100 years. One sponsored the bill
13 for reconciliation while the other was the chair for
14 the Senate appropriations committee, one of the
15 highest ranking members in the U.S., the third in
16 line of the presidency. Did it not reach the level
17 of significance back in 2011? Your presence has
18 forced us to become closer to realizing and
19 attaining our goals.

20 Native Hawaiians, take heed. This issue
21 has now become important to the federal government
22 and you know what you need to do. Mahalo.

23 MS. CHANG: After Kalehua is James Kelii
24 and Andre Perez and Timothy Troxell.

25 MR. KRUG: Aloha kakou. [Hawaiian

1 language spoken.] I want everybody to understand
2 this: For me, I deal in education. I deal in
3 language revitalization, and when it's professed
4 that we're gonna have control of educational issues
5 -- this is just, you know, another reason why we
6 gotta ku'e, because none of the Indian tribes are
7 exempt from No Child Left Behind or ESEA of 2001,
8 even though NALA and the Native American Language
9 Act contradict ESEA.

10 So for me, in my profession and what I do
11 to revitalize the language within our population,
12 which is going to ultimately build identity for our
13 people, which is the true heir, I have to make
14 people understand that without this exemption being
15 put into a relationship with the federal government
16 will always keep us connected to federal law.

17 And if you ask the immersion schools, if
18 you ask educators now what is the number one issue
19 that we're facing, it's federal accountability --
20 federal accountability. So we cannot revitalize our
21 language, we cannot educate our children properly if
22 we're continuously linked to the federal government
23 and we -- because your philosophy and ours aren't
24 the same. [Hawaiian language spoken.] It's not
25 political. This is educational.

1 I believe it's a lie when you say we have
2 control over our educational views, of our
3 educational [Hawaiian language spoken]. We don't,
4 and neither do the Indian tribes that keep going to
5 Washington to make changes to ESEA. [Hawaiian
6 language spoken.]

7 MR. KELII: Aloha mai kakou. Kimo Kelii.
8 But she got James. That's okay. Get plenty Kimos,
9 so I do James today.

10 My mom is up here and I told her say
11 something real quick.

12 MS. KELII: What I really want to say is
13 they have no determination over here to clarify
14 Native Hawaiian community. Here in Hawaii,
15 Japanese, Filipinos, Portuguese, Koreans, you name
16 'em, Hawaiians got 'em. They in the Hawaiian. They
17 are Hawaiians. Are we talking about the blood
18 quantum our Hawaiian people? Are we talking about
19 all the Hawaiians that is mixed with all these
20 cultures? Look how many different cultures over
21 here. We are the melting pot.

22 But there is no clarification over here in
23 native community Hawaiian. What Hawaiian are you
24 talking about? Is it the blood quantum or is it
25 everyone that is here? We are a melting pot. You

1 need to clarify what Native Hawaiian you talking
2 about.

3 MR. KELII: My testimony is focused mainly
4 on how can you have an honest conversation in a safe
5 environment with the person that you don't trust? I
6 don't -- we don't trust the United States. So how
7 can all these questions pertain to the United States
8 of America and such a hypocrisy?

9 You know, when Putin, president of Soviet
10 Union, with that issue with Ukraine where they're
11 wanting to secede Ukraine, and then I hear all the
12 congressional politicians in Congress saying, Oh,
13 let the Ukrainians decide -- we never had a choice.
14 So how hypocritical that they are criticizing Putin,
15 who is taking over Ukraine, when the United States
16 did exactly that to us.

17 So my question is: When you say an honest
18 conversation -- you got police here. You know, I
19 remember a testimony of a lady, Hawaiian lady, who
20 was yelling, and she said, I tired, I tired. She
21 tired of going to meetings and saying the same old,
22 same old, same -- and she was, it appeared, very
23 abrasive, but her point was -- I mean, you would
24 think she belong in the Kekela ward or Kahi Mohala.
25 But that's the frustration we have.

1 Now, if I was to be honest, all kine cuss
2 words would be coming out, all kine. Because the
3 truth is this is very frustrating and deep for us
4 Native Hawaiian people, or Hawaiians. But again, it
5 boils down to how can you respond to questions from
6 the person that lie, cheat and steal? You have no
7 trust in that, no credibility. So I no like talk to
8 the same person who I don't have trust in them. So
9 there's gotta be a level of trust.

10 And you know what is the trust, how -- do
11 the right thing and restore what was ours. That's
12 the bottom line. All these questions is all
13 Band-Aid remedies. You have to restore,
14 restitution, and give back the original of what the
15 Kingdom of Hawaii was. Until that occurs, all
16 you're doing -- the outcome is the same.

17 So bottom line is the Hawaiians no trust
18 each other. We talk about trust with the United
19 States. Hawaiians don't even trust each other. You
20 know, they back-bite each other.

21 So in summary, we gotta learn to trust
22 each other before we can trust the United States.
23 So before we can build our nation, we gotta learn to
24 agree, disagree, believe, not believe, but trust
25 each other that we have good in us and stop back-

1 biting, back-stabbing each other, Hawaiians.

2 Mahalo.

3 MS. CHANG: The next I have is Andre,
4 Kalani Asam, Kahu Manu Mook and Mahinalani.

5 Now, somebody asked outside -- they wanted
6 to know outside what number am I at. Andre is
7 number 63 and we have signed up 140. Okay? So
8 again, I know -- I really appreciate and I apologize
9 if I offend, but two minutes. Mahalo. Andre.

10 MR. PEREZ: Aloha 'aina kakou. [Hawaiian
11 language spoken.] I'm here to speak on behalf of my
12 ohana, an organization called Mana Movement for
13 Aloha No Ka Aina. We organized for Hawaiian
14 self-determination, sovereignty and independence.

15 I just want to take a quick moment to
16 remind everybody why we're here. If you're here to
17 say yes, then say yes. But if you're here to say
18 a'ole, make sure you say a'ole. I'm hearing tons of
19 testimonies where people are talking about a lot of
20 things, but you're not saying a'ole. It's going
21 down on the federal register, on the record. We
22 must say no. Don't forget to say no. If you talk
23 story and you walk away and you don't say no, poho.

24 Okay. So with that said: Should the
25 Department of the Interior propose this rule,

1 question one? I say no, a'ole.

2 For the record, if you say no to the first
3 question, the rest no matter.

4 Since 1993, the Apology Bill, the call for
5 reconciliation, Hawaiian self-determination and
6 nation building has been driven only by the State of
7 Hawaii and a small oligarchy of Hawaiian leadership
8 at institutional levels, without any consultation,
9 without any involvement from us, the lahui kanaka,
10 those who will be affected. That's the problem.
11 There's been 12 years of Akaka Bill forced upon us
12 without any hearings, consultation. Almost \$20
13 million of Office of Hawaiian Affairs trust money
14 wasted.

15 I have a question for you folks, for
16 everybody right now to bear witness. How many of
17 you in this room participated in the process that
18 said you wanted the Akaka Bill, that you gave your
19 free prior informed consent? Raise your hand right
20 now. Okay. We got two. Maybe that's the oligarchy
21 I'm talking about.

22 Okay. I'm gonna summarize real quick.

23 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

24 MR. KELII: We also have Act 195,
25 Kana'iolowalu USA and the OHA nation building plan.

1 How many of you participated in the process to say
2 -- to give your free prior informed consent to say,
3 This is what I want? Raise your hand right now.
4 Did you ask for Act 195? Did you ask for
5 Kana'iolowalu USA? A'ole. We never. Because there
6 was no process or consultation. It was a
7 state-driven process.

8 I'm gonna wrap up. I'm trying to go as
9 fast as I can.

10 Also, for the record, I want to say many
11 people will come out and say I'm part of the
12 125,000. There is no 125,000. Kana'iolowalu only
13 signed up -- I know, because I have friends who work
14 in there, as well as enemies. Kana'iolowalu only
15 signed up 30,000. It's a false -- it's a false
16 roll. The other 70,000 came from the Kana'iolowalu
17 [inaudible] nation list.

18 I'm wrapping up. My final paragraph.

19 To the Department of the Interior: You
20 should not involve yourself or support the current
21 State of Hawaii-driven efforts to establish a
22 governing entity, and I base this position on the
23 following points -- the following principles of
24 nation building, not -- four points.

25 One, we believe that nation building

1 cannot be initiated, controlled or monitored by the
2 occupying state or representatives at the national
3 or local level.

4 Two, we believe that any nation-building
5 efforts must start with us, the lahui kanaka, the
6 larger Hawaiian community, from the bottom up, not
7 from the top down, because we are the ones who are
8 going to be affected. We are the nation.

9 Number three, we believe that the terms of
10 reconciliation must be set by those who have been
11 injured, not the offending party. Because remember,
12 they want to -- they want to initiate
13 indemnification, sovereign immunity. That doesn't
14 give us any negotiating power.

15 Last one, we believe that clauses or
16 conditions of sovereign immunity and indemnification
17 only serve to uphold the power of the US.
18 Therefore, we reject and condemn any offers or
19 models that do not uphold these principles.

20 The current State of Hawaii, the
21 Department of the Interior involvement in nation
22 building do not uphold these principles. Mahalo.

23 MS. CHANG: Timothy -- if you could come
24 up, we can move -- Timothy, Kalani and then
25 Mahinalani. And I really would appreciate if you

1 could keep it to two minutes.

2 MR. TROXELL: Aloha. Before I begin, I'd
3 like to read a quote from our queen, Liliuokalani.
4 She stated the government of the United States of
5 America shall on facts being presented to it undo
6 the actions and reinstate the Hawaiian Kingdom.
7 Those are the words of our queen -- and find the
8 injustice in this great wrongdoing. It's been a
9 great wrongdoing. A lot of years our people have
10 suffered.

11 Your question about should the Secretary
12 propose an administrative rule -- no, they should
13 not propose or attempt any administrative rule to
14 facilitate us. Under international law, the United
15 Nations declaration and rights of indigenous people,
16 this would be an illegal and unlawful act on your
17 account. We are very wise people who were self-
18 sustainable for thousands of years prior to
19 foreigner contact.

20 Question two: Should the Secretary assist
21 the Native Hawaiian community in reorganizing its
22 government with which the United States could
23 reestablish a government-to-government relationship?
24 Well, some assistance, yes, because a lot was
25 taken, so we're gonna need some of that back. Your

1 assistance would be welcome as long as we're talking
2 about an internal-facing government-to-government
3 relation, meaning that we have full right to
4 self-determination, not an external-facing
5 government-to-government relations, where external
6 government has a say in our destiny, kind of like
7 babysitting, yeah. An internal-facing G-to-G
8 relationship may work to keep these things balanced,
9 keep things good, keep our GT --
10 government-to-government relations pono.

11 You need to know that we are a nation
12 amongst nations and refuse to be a nation within a
13 nation, and we will consider and review the internal
14 government-to-government relationship options.

15 If so, what process should we be
16 establishing for drafting and ratifying and
17 recognize Hawaiian -- Native Hawaiian government
18 constitutions? Hawaiian Kingdom laws and
19 constitution until further notice. We will update
20 it to today's international laws and constitutional
21 standards. If you seek, you will find that the
22 Hawaii State Constitution almost mirrors the
23 Hawaiian Kingdom Constitution.

24 MS. CHANG: Please summarize.

25 MR. TROXELL: This is the last one. I get

1 one more.

2 Should the Secretary instead rely on the
3 reorganization of the Native Hawaiian government
4 through a process established by the Native Hawaiian
5 community and facilitated by the State of Hawaii to
6 the extent such a process is consistent with federal
7 law?

8 The first half of this question sounds
9 nice and proper, sir, sounds pono. Yes, you should
10 let us decide what we gonna do.

11 The second half of your question is asking
12 if the state or the federal government of the United
13 States should facilitate the kanaka process? Isn't
14 that what we're here for?

15 MS. CHANG: Can you wrap it up?

16 MR. TROXELL: This is the end of my thing,
17 Auntie.

18 The whole process is about our own
19 self-determination and destiny controlled and
20 decided by the first nation indigenous kanaka maoli.
21 We as a nation will uphold and follow Hawaiian
22 Kingdom laws and constitution, international laws,
23 UN laws, humanitarian laws and the laws that pertain
24 to all nations. Keep world peace -- world peace.

25 We're not a warring nation. The Pacific

1 is peaceful.

2 This is the end of my thing, Auntie, right
3 here. I know I said enough for your ears, but --

4 The federal government -- world peace.
5 This is not a federal government to federal
6 government relationship. So we have a federal
7 government, yeah. If it is, then why would we need
8 another federal government to facilitate our federal
9 government? We might need assistance in some areas,
10 but we will let you know where that is needed.

11 If so, what conditions would the Secretary
12 establish as prerequisites to federal
13 acknowledgment --

14 Right here, Auntie.

15 Let's begin with binding and unbreakable
16 peace treaties and go from there. It's a nation --
17 I just get this. It's a nation -- okay. No. It's
18 a big no. I'm just trying to explain to the people
19 what you guys are trying to do here.

20 MS. CHANG: Would you mind --

21 MR. TROXELL: I'm sorry.

22 MS. CHANG: Thank you. Again, I apologize
23 in advance, but we have one hour and I've got 100
24 people who want to speak. So I want to be courteous
25 to them.

1 The next person is Kalani Asam, Mahinalani
2 Kealakai, Kaili Kamai, Kapua, Lokana and Celeste.

3 MR. ASAM: By the way, nice and simple --
4 two Christmases ago, a gentleman from Kalihi Valley
5 made me this apu. Apu is used for having awa before
6 ho'oponopono and truth. Nobody comes near me that's
7 gonna think that they're gonna lie to me. I won't
8 stand for it. I travel with my own apu. It was so
9 beautiful, I made it into a necklace and I'm always
10 ready for truth.

11 This is not truth up here. Simple. This
12 should end. Once again, no treaty, no law, no land
13 says it all, period.

14 And as we were blessed to have Dr. Guanson
15 -- I just saw her here a little while ago -- Dr.
16 Guanson, along with Dr. Kaleo Patterson are the two
17 that contributed to the blessings, if you can call
18 it a blessing, of the apology bill by Mr. Clinton,
19 President Bill Clinton. Pacific Justice and
20 Reconciliation Center said it all. Make it pono for
21 the queen. Hawaii's story by Hawaii's queen says it
22 all.

23 It also says how racist the system that we
24 perfected -- because they taught us how to do it so
25 well, we perfected being white plus. We need to

1 come back home to being right plus and righteous,
2 the righteous people that we are, spiritually, not
3 by way of Ph.Ds and manmade degrees. Simple.
4 Indigenous peoples of the world. We are pono. We
5 are inextricably connected to the source, the
6 Creator.

7 These are not -- they were not from the
8 source of the creator. The USA is not our source,
9 never ever has been and never must continue to be.
10 Nice and simple.

11 Learn our own history first, history and
12 genealogy. We're intact and we are pono. Not as
13 defined by them. As defined by our culture, by this
14 piko in the universe. We are it, not them.

15 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Thank you. Can Kaili
16 Kamai come up, Kapua Kamai, Lokana Pua, Celeste?
17 Please come up.

18 KAHU MOOK: Ke Akua, Jehovah God, Jesus,
19 look down upon this sacred place. We need you
20 tonight, a very important night to make what is
21 right wrong -- what is wrong right, I mean. But
22 anyway, give us the pono tonight that everybody
23 going to be tonight steadfast and to remember before
24 they just do any new office, city, state or
25 military, what the promise was to Ke Akua, to take

1 care and be accountable for what Ke Akua was meant
2 -- wanted to do for our people. So just be
3 accountable to Ke Akua.

4 Aloha ia 'oe, our people of the 'aina and
5 nation. Aloha ia 'oe, panel and members and
6 everyone that's here tonight. We're making history.
7 Aloha ia 'oe also means I love you. But after
8 tonight, you might not love me, because I'm going to
9 tell you the truth, almighty truth from God.

10 I'm speaking for myself and the many
11 kanaka maoli people who can't be here and can't find
12 the words with compassion to say what they want,
13 especially our queen, that's still in captivity, and
14 our kupuna and our children who died waiting for our
15 'aina and freedom.

16 I've known and heard and studied about the
17 Department of the Interior and I know you've had a
18 bad track record, very strong. You can show me some
19 proof what you did good, I pono that. But I say no,
20 because our brothers and sisters, like the American
21 Indians, for 200 years they've been on the trail of
22 tears. We 125 years on the trail of tears. So
23 please don't make what is already -- add more insult
24 to the injury, please.

25 Because make what is pono in your hearts,

1 because our children and grandchildren going to say,
2 Grandpa and grandma, what's happening, did you speak
3 up, why didn't you speak up, and I gonna say -- and
4 all of you say we're going to speak up for what is
5 pono. So everybody be steadfast. Either you
6 American or you Hawaiian. And if you American, go
7 to America and take the Americans with you.

8 But please, Ke Akua, bless us all tonight.
9 Let's go with love and forgiveness.

10 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Mahalo.

11 Kaili and Kapua and Lokana and Celeste.

12 MR. KAMAI: Aloha ahi'ahi kakou. O wau'o
13 Kaili Kamai, noho au i ka awawa 'o Wai'anae
14 [Hawaiian language received in typewritten format
15 from the speaker by court reporter].

16 I am in total and complete opposition to
17 your presence in this process. However, I also
18 support those who are in favor of it.

19 The American government is famous for not
20 keeping its word, breaking its treaties and
21 basically doing what it wants, when it wants and to
22 who it wants. I believe you federal department
23 officers are doing this backwards. The Department
24 of the Interior and the Department of State should
25 both contribute \$10 million each to fund a real

1 Hawaiian governance process that is led and
2 controlled by our elected leaders. Once a consensus
3 is made by our leaders, presented and ratified by us
4 kanaka maoli, we will inform you, the DOI, the DOS,
5 of our decisions, our process and our timeline.
6 Then we'll invite you to come kukakuka with us.
7 Mahalo.

8 MS. CHANG: Kapua?

9 MS. KAMAI: Aloha ahi'ahi kakou. You
10 know, mahalo to you folks for coming, but really,
11 wrong place, wrong time. So no, we don't need your
12 interjection in this process.

13 What we do need is their money, their
14 money that belongs to us. Okay? Because they have
15 the purse strings, but it's really our money. So we
16 need the money so that we can do what we need to do,
17 just like what my husband said. We need to bring it
18 together. We need hui pu. We need to onipa'a. We
19 need to kupa'a.

20 In a kanaka Hawaii, [Hawaiian language
21 spoken] Samoa, Filipino, kepani, popolo, haole,
22 [Hawaiian language spoken.] We just need the money
23 that belongs to us so that we can do the process
24 amongst ourselves, people. We don't need the
25 thieves watching us, controlling us.

1 We don't even need to answer their
2 questions. How rude of them to come into our house
3 and tell us what they want to hear. We tell them,
4 You're in our house, welcome, this is what we're
5 gonna talk about, because this is what we need to
6 do, kanaka Hawaii. We need to engage each other,
7 those ohana that don't know -- for some reason, they
8 still don't know. But we need to bring them in.

9 And so all of the nationalists who always
10 come out to these meetings, call your meeting.
11 Don't monopolize these meetings. Call your meeting
12 so that we can learn at that point. But when we
13 have these, let's listen to them and listen to each
14 other.

15 So I got the word. Mahalo nui.

16 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Lokana, Celeste,
17 Zeona and William Aila.

18 MS. KELIIKOVA-PUA: Aloha. Lokana
19 Keliikoa-Pua. You know, I just want to thank you
20 for being bold enough to come here, although that is
21 your job as the Department of Justice.

22 We stand here and we feel that we have
23 been done the injustice. We are the oppressed and
24 continue to be oppressed, and though we are of a
25 nation to nation, we still want to stand ku'e and

1 want to know and holomua. We need, as she said,
2 those monies so that we can build our nation.

3 We thank those organizations who may have
4 helped us to build the nation. We may not agree in
5 every capacity, but someone has taken the step to
6 start that, and so I don't think -- you know, and
7 it's just my opinion -- a lot of this is we have not
8 been given ample time. We have not had the public
9 notification. We need the education. Some of us
10 don't know. We are in our corners because we're
11 tired of being the ones screaming and yelling and no
12 one listening.

13 You know, so we do want to be a part of
14 the process and not just be a spectator, but be a
15 participator. And we ask that you allow us to do
16 that by giving us those monies that do belong to us.

17 So therefore, my answer to the question is
18 no, I do not agree.

19 And as we have been told and informed
20 right outside, there are 19 questions, of which only
21 five has been brought to our attention. So people,
22 we need to be informed.

23 So I just want to say, as our queen did,
24 we know that the injustice was done back in 1893.
25 We took that march in 1993. Was very -- that was

1 the best part that I did, that I was able to help to
2 contribute.

3 But what we need to do is make the wrong
4 right. Thank you.

5 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

6 MS. KAMALU: Aloha. My name is Kamalu,
7 and I wasn't supposed to speak tonight, but I thank
8 you for the opportunity.

9 Like sister them was saying, you know, I
10 say no to everything. Yeah, all 14 questions, I say
11 no.

12 You know, before we here, our kupunas
13 lived on the islands without the help of the federal
14 government, without the help of the state
15 government. We had our own government that we ruled
16 ourselves. We took care of our own self without the
17 help of the United States. So as for me, I say no.

18 And like sister was talking about the
19 monies -- you know, we no like the help with the
20 federal reserve money, yeah, because that's just
21 federal reserve notes. We do want our money that is
22 real silver and gold given back, restitution, given
23 back to us, the people, because we had our own money
24 that was made out of silver and gold, not federal
25 reserve notes that is just paper with no backing.

1 But mahalo tonight, and I do say no to
2 everything. Aloha.

3 MS. CHANG: I have next Zeona, William
4 Aila, Luwella, Mahealani, Momi Conner and Bessie
5 Pregana; if you can come up.

6 MS. NAHOOIKAIKA: Aloha. One more time.
7 Come on. I know we get aloha. One more time.
8 Aloha. Thank you. We thank you for coming, though
9 we really don't want you here. You do know that.

10 Okay. So for the answer to the first
11 question, the answer is no. We got financially
12 genocide by you guys, financially genocide by you.
13 Shame. And you think we don't know that? We know
14 that. The National Geographic got that report from
15 my son, that you financially genocide all of us.

16 Homeless Native Hawaiians in Hawaii --
17 excuse me? When we've got so much land, so much
18 water? They won't even give us water to even take a
19 bath, wash our clothes, you know, feed us, when you
20 can make one simple A-frame that sleeps six
21 comfortably with one chair outside, cook outside,
22 two sinks to wash clothes, wash dishes, as well as
23 getting something.

24 You owe us over a trillion dollars.
25 That's \$1 million per person.

1 Look how you guys treat your own veterans
2 and your soldiers. Is that how you guys gonna treat
3 us? Help the Native Hawaiians that are homeless in
4 Hawaii. I say no. One trillion dollars is owed to
5 all the Native Hawaiians, \$1 million per person. We
6 say no to the Secretary establishing -- okay.
7 Someone's trying to turn off my mike.

8 MS. CHANG: No. You're still on. Keep on
9 going.

10 MS. NAHOOIKAIKA: Thank you.

11 MS. CHANG: You've got 30 seconds.

12 MS. NAHOOIKAIKA: 30 seconds. Yeah. I've
13 heard that they have -- want us -- okay -- sorry
14 about that -- to keep us under control and in
15 slavery. Our keikis are thrown from the bush to the
16 beach to the bush to the beach and those are the
17 ones working and living in cars, and you're not
18 taking care of them.

19 But you take care of your 50 percent
20 homeless that are coming from the mainland, dying in
21 our waters because of cancer and they are trying to
22 decide whether or not they can get indigent kind of
23 burial. Shame on you guys. Shame. Aloha.

24 MR. AILA: Aloha mai kakou, everyone.
25 Mahalo Sam, Rhea, the other folks on the panel.

1 Esther, mahalo nui loa for having the courage, the
2 courage to be here tonight. I'm going to speak a
3 little louder. I wanted to mahalo Esther for having
4 the courage to be here tonight. And I also want to
5 mahalo this wahine right here, who's trying very,
6 very hard. Okay?

7 So I'm sitting in the back and I'm
8 wondering what is wrong with the logic. So for all
9 the brothers that are wearing the shirts and the
10 signs up there, Sam couldn't answer your question,
11 but I'll be happy to answer your question.

12 There is nothing in this process that
13 prevents the independence movement from going
14 forward. I'm going to repeat it. There is nothing
15 in this process that stops any independence movement
16 from going forward.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It depends on their
18 approval.

19 MR. AILA: No, it doesn't. Stop and
20 listen. Listen, brother.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No lie.

22 MR. AILA: I never interrupt you when you
23 spoke. Okay?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I never lie.

25 MR. AILA: I'm not lying. Okay? So let

1 me finish. I'm not lying. I gonna repeat it one
2 more time. There is nothing in this process that
3 prevents this from going forward.

4 He did not say that. You better go back
5 and check the record. Okay?

6 (Multiple inaudible speakers).

7 MR. AILA: He said he doesn't know. He
8 said -- stop, everybody. He said he doesn't know.
9 Okay. So I'm going to go forward. Would you let me
10 finish, brother? I never -- hey, I sat there
11 quietly. I never interrupt anybody. Okay? So
12 kupuna watching. Have the common courtesy. Have
13 the common courtesy. You may believe what you wish
14 to believe, brother.

15 So understanding this, I would like to
16 provide the testimony through the eyes of a father
17 and a grandfather. Okay? My worst fear is that in
18 five to ten years, the Republicans in Congress and
19 the Grassroots Institute of Hawaii are successful in
20 overturning the 150 federal laws and eliminate the
21 budget line items that currently provide, okay, our
22 children with scholarships, our kupuna with coverage
23 and all of those other things that help us live in
24 today's world.

25 (Multiple inaudible speakers.)

1 MR. AILA: I never interrupt anybody.
2 Come on. I never interrupt anybody. Come on.
3 Okay?

4 I want you to understand the 'eha that
5 comes from more than 100 years and that's being
6 expressed here tonight. I understand it. Okay?

7 These 150 laws protect Hawaiian education,
8 Kamehameha Schools, scholarships for higher
9 education, QLCC, youth training, Lunalilo Homes,
10 caring for kupuna, protect Hawaiian health care, the
11 protection of NAGFRA and its protection of Native
12 Hawaiian iwi kupuna, the protection of the National
13 Historic Preservation Act and the protections that
14 come with the mitigation that comes from the
15 required things that these laws continue. Okay?

16 So I'm gonna summarize.

17 MS. CHANG: See, I have equal treatment to
18 everybody, even to him.

19 MR. AILA: I'm going to summarize.

20 I don't want to look into the eyes of my
21 grandchildren and tell them the story of June 24,
22 2014, a day when we had an opportunity to protect
23 the existing political relationships, while some of
24 us move on with independence, okay, and that we
25 failed and lost those protections. For these

1 reasons --

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Traitor.

3 MR. AILA: -- I say yes, yes, yes, yes and
4 yes. [Inaudible] as one Hawaiian to another, I love
5 that you get to express your opinion. Aloha.

6 MS. CHANG: Okay. I have Luwella,
7 Mahealani, Momi and Bessie. And if you can come up
8 -- we're at number 84 and I've got 100 and I'm going
9 to finish at nine. So with that, Luwella, your
10 turn.

11 MS. LEONARDI: It would be me. I got --
12 I have to put this on the record. First of all,
13 Kia'aina, last night you mentioned 1983, Kinau
14 Kamalii. I was there through the whole process. In
15 fact, I'm somewhere in between the pages of the book
16 that's yay big. I spoke to Kinau just before she
17 passed, and I don't know why, but I took it to heart
18 what she said, and what she said, that that 1983
19 report was undermined by the democrat congressman.
20 So I just wanted to let you know that I particularly
21 saw you reaching out through these cameras to the
22 audience with that, and I just want to put that on
23 record.

24 The second thing I want to bring up
25 tonight -- and I sorry I have to do this, but I just

1 want the security people to understand -- my
2 relationship with Dawn, I have none. I have no
3 relationship with Dawn Chang. It has a lot to do
4 with the fact that the environment -- the
5 energy.gov was here. Feds were here for two years
6 and I attended their meetings. But Oahu took a step
7 back because Molokai and Lanai showed up on our
8 island, on our Oahu and at the meetings, and we
9 stepped back and we let them speak.

10 The deadline for our testimonies for our
11 energy reuse is coming up on July 16th -- or 14th,
12 around there. We need to get our testimonies in.
13 The reason why is because we've got Kahe Point right
14 down the street. We've got the electrical company
15 right down the street. And we've got Dawn over
16 here, Dawn Chang -- she comes into my community,
17 which is Waianae Valley.

18 I have to wrap it up.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: This isn't related.

20 MS. LEONARDI: I have to wrap it up.
21 Sorry about that.

22 This is what Dawn did: In the middle of
23 the process, she lines her pocket with a company
24 from Florida and she's gonna put 200 solar energy
25 panels in my community, which will deny us the

1 opportunity to put solar on our -- on our roofs. E
2 kala mai. I had to get this on the report so that
3 you all understand my relationship as far as I'm
4 concerned. They need a new monitor if this is to be
5 true, if the integrity is going to be here.

6 Now, Andre said to say, one to fourteen,
7 a'ole. Learn the word. Sleep with it. Thank you
8 for listening.

9 MS. CHANG: I have Mahealani, Momi and
10 then Bessie.

11 MS. MAHEALANI: We should give a hand to
12 Dawn. Mahealani. Aloha, Sam. Aloha, Esther.
13 Twenty years we're friends. Anyway, I hail from
14 Papakolea, live on the homestead at Papakolea. I am
15 the head of state of Aupuni o Ko Hawaii Pae'aina and
16 I wanted to bring two things to your attention.

17 How many of you guys believe in the
18 Hawaiian Kingdom government? Raise your hand.
19 Raise 'em high. There were two entities that was
20 involved in the Kana'iolowalu. John Waihee gave me
21 a call and 12 of my officers met with him and he
22 told me there was not going to be any registration;
23 Mahea, all we're gonna do is just gonna kukakuka. I
24 said, You sure, John. He said yeah. Well, that was
25 not truth, of course. Later on, there's this

1 registration came up.

2 I need to show you this, because I don't
3 know if Karen is still here, Awana. But the
4 Hawaiian Kingdom government was recognized on April
5 16th, 2008, and it's in here. You guys want to see
6 it, ask me. I'll send you guys a copy. It's in
7 here. April 16th, 2008, the Hawaiian Kingdom
8 government.

9 Karen Awana, the representative from
10 Nanakuli -- and I saw her earlier -- she's the one
11 who wrote a letter -- let me try pull that letter
12 up. Aw, shoots. It's in my other folder.

13 But anyway, OHA is the second one. OHA
14 recognized the Hawaiian Kingdom government which I
15 represent as the head of state and it's here. This
16 is the letter, September 8th, 2006. Here is the
17 check for \$10,000, so that you guys know. They
18 already recognized the Hawaiian Kingdom government.
19 We're the one who operates on the Iolani Palace.
20 We're the ones were arrested --

21 And let me apologize right now to the
22 people in the back of me, the DLNR, namely Bill
23 Aila, Randy Awo, Guy Chan, Joe Self and -- let me
24 see -- Tsuha and also to Kealoha.

25 And I'm gonna tell you this -- okay? Just

1 give me another minute. Right? Okay.

2 MS. CHANG: Pau.

3 MS. MAHEALANI: So I just want to share
4 this with you. We're the first person who they
5 arrested who still love them and aloha them, because
6 that's what Hawaiian is all about.

7 But just to let you guys know, you don't
8 have to find out whether you Hawaiian or not. You
9 are Hawaiian. The kingdom is here. Do what I do.
10 We exercise it every single day of our life. So
11 don't ask for anything from them. They mean well.

12 And I'm not here to offend you. I love
13 you guys.

14 But the bottom line is it is here. Know
15 what you have. Know who you are. And it ain't
16 Native Hawaiian. It's maka'ainana or hoa'aina,
17 because that's the title holders under the Great
18 Mahele. Remember that. You're not a Native
19 Hawaiian. You're maka'ainana.

20 Because under Title 42, it says a Native
21 Hawaiian is a U.S. citizen. You're not a U.S.
22 citizen. Go check it out, Title 42, under public
23 health and welfare. Aloha.

24 MS. CHANG: Momi and then Bessie. And
25 then after that could I also have stepping up James

1 Manaku -- is it Tanitei Tehotu? I'm so sorry --
2 Kealii Mackenzie, Amber and Johnnie-Mae.

3 MS. KAILIANU-CONNER: Aloha, everybody.
4 My name is Leimomi Kailianu-Conner.

5 I've been following this since being able
6 to go to the first governance meeting that they had
7 two, three months ago, and I learned a whole lot of
8 things that I didn't know. We are one people. We
9 all belong to this 'aina.

10 Thank you very much. We really would love
11 you to help us in the job that you actually are here
12 for. I am a leasee on Hawaiian Home lands. I was
13 told that the Department of the Interior has a job
14 or an obligation to take care of us people on
15 Hawaiian Home lands. So as far as that job, yes, we
16 need help.

17 But as far as trying to make us people
18 figure out who is the native, because I'm not a
19 native -- I'm just Hawaiian -- no, thank you. So
20 that's all I got to say. God bless everybody, yeah.
21 Just remember Akua first. And thank you.

22 MS. PREGANA: This is a long meeting. I
23 went to the one yesterday. That drove me nuts
24 because I watch everybody fighting with each other.
25 This thing is not about us fighting with each other.

1 This is about us fighting together. These people is
2 here to try and tell us how for do it.

3 We say we know how for do it, give us the
4 opportunity to do 'em ourselves without being
5 governed by you. You guys say you're trying to help
6 us. I see different. I see we going back, we gonna
7 tell 'em what we got to say. Really? What about
8 what we say? Take out the ones like this with the
9 check-off, not her, oh, not him. They do 'em
10 li'dat. I know they do 'em li'dat.

11 I watch my father fight years and years
12 and years for the rights for the people here, and we
13 lost all of it. And maybe not five years, maybe not
14 seven years -- ten years down the road, oh, we
15 decided seat belts is a necessity. My father stop
16 everybody on the road that was on a bus that never
17 have one seat belt because they said we couldn't
18 drive without us having seat belts, so my father
19 made sure the bus guy couldn't go.

20 This is what's happening to our laws and
21 our rules and our life. It goes from one little
22 bitty sand on the ground and turn into one mountain
23 or one -- let's put it this way, one beautiful ugly
24 hotel. Take our beaches. Tell us we cannot swim.
25 Sorry. We own this beach. You gotta go over there,

1 girlfriend. Oh, you cannot even come on our
2 property now because get gates and at 10:00 you're
3 out. I not used to that. I born and raised here.
4 I only know here. This is my life. This is the way
5 I am. I no like nothing else.

6 But I like my kupunas know that before
7 they go, they got their natural right and kingdom
8 back. Aloha.

9 MS. CHANG: James Manaku, Tarita, Kealii
10 and Amber.

11 MR. MANAKU: Good evening. James K.
12 Manaku, Sr., concerned parent, grandparent and great
13 grandparent.

14 Wow. All of these generations, yeah.
15 And look at all the rest of this generation. I give
16 you guys credit. I mean, really -- you know, I was
17 born 1946. Amazing all of the things that I seen
18 through my whole lifetime.

19 America was a beautiful thing. I'm not
20 against American or America, but I think, you know,
21 when we look at -- like I tell everybody, when we
22 look into a history book, there's not just America
23 there. But then, you know, all these countries,
24 these people here that live in all these other
25 countries, they have a choice, though, and the

1 choice would be America.

2 What's happening here? Why isn't America
3 backing us up? I seen them go all around the world.
4 I've seen getting killed -- well, I seen them have
5 people that governing their own property -- their
6 own countries killed. Yeah. And yet what's
7 happening here?

8 I'm glad the justice department is here
9 and not just the agriculture -- I mean, you know,
10 Interior, because there must be some kind of justice
11 here. Look at all these people. They've told you
12 all of our life history, and yet we're still
13 confused. No. Really. We're confused because of
14 all the countries in the world -- when I was
15 younger, I was worried about Russia, I was worried
16 about China. But now we're actually -- we're
17 worried about America.

18 What happened to the greatness of the
19 country that helped the people that were oppressed?
20 We have been oppressed for over 150 years. Where is
21 the justice, yeah? So please, look at it -- I mean,
22 come on. What do we have to do to convince you
23 folks that what is happening here was illegal and
24 not right? Thank you.

25 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Manaku. I have a

1 Tarita, Kealii, Amber, Johnnie-Mae, Van and Dianne.

2 Please state your name.

3 MS. TEHOTU: My name is Tarita Tehotu.

4 Aloha. Before I begin, Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka
5 Pono. That means the life of this land has been
6 perpetuated in righteousness.

7 Earlier I asked you a question if you are
8 -- this was a proposal for a change, and after
9 reading it, it looks like a proposal for a change.
10 But based on the basics of a couple weeks ago, Dr.
11 Kamanaopono Crabbe asked one question, and it still
12 hasn't been answered yet. So I think before all of
13 this -- yes, we did share our mana'o. Yes, we did
14 share and we appreciate you giving us the time to do
15 that. But I think for the beginning, the root
16 starts is answer the question that Dr. Kamanaopono
17 Crabbe answered [sic] first. And it has not been
18 answered from there until tonight.

19 And so I don't know at what point does the
20 Department of the Interior has -- what sense are you
21 here for, if that has not -- that question has not
22 been answered? It has not been answered a few weeks
23 ago and it has not been answered tonight. Can you
24 answer that tonight? Are you able to answer that?

25 MS. CHANG: Right now we're just taking

1 comments. I'm sorry.

2 MS. TEHOTU: Well, I'm basing it on that
3 other -- on that question. And again, mahalo, it
4 has not been answered, so I don't know why are we
5 doing this unless that is answered. That is really
6 the root to why we're all here. And therefore, I
7 vote no.

8 MS. CHANG: Is Amber here? Amber,
9 Johnnie-Mae and Van and Dianne.

10 MR. MACKENZIE: Aloha kakou. I want to
11 say welcome to the panel. My name is Keali'i
12 Mackenzie.

13 I want to reiterate that these hearings
14 have been very important and as I'm sure you, the
15 panel, can tell, they've provided an opportunity for
16 the community here in Hawaii to voice our opinions
17 and frustrations.

18 In regards to question one and all the
19 questions, I can honestly say no to each and every
20 one of them, especially, I believe the Secretary of
21 the Interior should not propose any administrative
22 rule to facilitate the reestablishment of a
23 government-to-government relationship between the
24 Native Hawaiian community and the United States.

25 And my reasoning is that it is highly

1 inappropriate for the Department of the Interior to
2 do such an act. Rather, a conversation should occur
3 between us and the State Department. After all,
4 according to your own record of information, the
5 United States overthrew the Kingdom of Hawaii, and
6 with that in mind, a government-to-government
7 relationship, especially one similar to those
8 existing with many Native American nations on the
9 continent does not address the wrong committed, the
10 loss of our nation.

11 For a true relationship to exist, it must
12 be based on the restoration or reestablishment of
13 the nation, something we have been waiting for over
14 120 years to see happen.

15 In 1897, some of my ancestors signed the
16 petition against annexation, a petition that helped
17 defeat the 1897 Treaty of Annexation, as did many
18 other people's ancestors in this room. It is in
19 their memory that I and many of those present today
20 say no. We want our country back and we do not just
21 speak for ourselves, but we speak for the dead
22 mouths of those who came before us.

23 MS. CHANG: Is Amber here? Johnnie-Mae,
24 Van and Dianne.

25 MS. PERRY: Good evening. Thank you for

1 joining us. My name is Johnnie-Mae Perry, Waianae
2 coast resident.

3 I don't mean any disrespect to any of you,
4 but I'm seeing that people have made -- is following
5 this panel around the island. But we, as the host
6 community, Waianae coast, need a chance to speak.
7 That's only pono. We come here to speak. And
8 there's others that has spoken, so this is -- our
9 community is the host community. Let us speak
10 first.

11 We have an opportunity from now through
12 Thursday. I would suggest all of you look into the
13 150 laws which William Aila refers to. I don't know
14 what it is. I would have to look. So then come up
15 with a plan, a written form plan for the panel to
16 take back. Because I believe if you don't like what
17 they present, then come out with our plan.

18 I'm the chair of Waianae Coast
19 Neighborhood Board, but I come here as a
20 seventh-generation resident. And oftentimes people
21 come to our community and say, Here's the plan, take
22 it or leave it, take it or leave it, because it's
23 supposed to better our community. We have a chance
24 tonight to put something in writing for the next
25 meeting, which is Thursday, in Kapolei. So if we

1 want to be organized, then get to it. Thank you.

2 MS. CHANG: Van, Dianne? We'll go through
3 -- are you Dianne? Okay. Dianne Hoapili?

4 MS. HOAPILI: I'm Dianne K. Hoapili. I'm
5 also known as Ku'uuleimomi of the house of Pa'ahau,
6 spirit of the spirit of the spirit of my ancestors,
7 my ancestors kanaka maoli of Hawaii from the past,
8 present and yet to come.

9 Martial law is here, depriving us of our
10 rights to establish our own government. We are
11 being told what to do and how to do it by
12 foreigners, both discriminately and
13 indiscriminately. Confusion. It is not about the
14 numbers. You do not get to decide based on the
15 numbers. We are a sovereign nation by sovereign
16 bloodline, no more, no less, and certainly not
17 labeled Hawaiian or labeled tribe.

18 Finally, only the heir can determine our
19 status and jurisdiction. A hui hou. Malama pono.

20 MS. CHANG: It's looks like D. K.
21 Mackenzie. I may be saying it wrong. Kilikina,
22 Thomas, Kaleo. Kilikina, Thomas Coach, Kaleo
23 Keliikoa, Harold -- is it Lery -- Levy, Harold Levy,
24 Momi Fernandez, Kealii Lopez, Dew. Okay. Nalani?
25 I have a Nalani Aipoalani.

1 MS. LOPEZ: Aloha kakou. First of all, I
2 want to thank the panel for coming. I agree with
3 several speakers. I think it does take courage and
4 I know folks in the audience don't think that's the
5 case.

6 But the thing that I remember most from
7 growing up and my tutu -- my family originally
8 hailed from Waimanalo. I'm happy to be a Nanakuli
9 resident, living on the homestead and raising my own
10 grandson here in, I believe, one of the most
11 beautiful communities in Hawaii nei. And that's
12 something that I want people to really know, because
13 I think many people don't see that here. And it is
14 a very beautiful place; passionate people, who
15 really care with our na'au, our heart and our head.

16 What I want to say is this: And for those
17 who want to discredit what I have to say, that's
18 okay, that's your right. Okay? But our history, as
19 shared tonight, I believe is indisputable. People
20 are correct. They've done their research. They
21 know what injustice has been done in the past. What
22 we hear often in the sessions, and not just today --
23 in so many hearings that community members attend --
24 is 120 plus years of hurt and pain, and people keep
25 talking and they wonder who and when is somebody

1 actually going to listen. And I understand that.

2 I hope when I do whatever work I do, that
3 I listen, and I think that's all the rest -- that's
4 part of the start, is hear what we have to say. You
5 peel away everything else and hear what we really
6 have to say. What so many, if not all, kanaka maoli
7 know, deep in our na'au is that Hawaii nei is a very
8 special and blessed place.

9 Our ancestors were guided here in a vast
10 ocean of hundreds of thousands of miles in the
11 middle of what people would believe is nowhere and
12 they found it. They found it. Do you know why?
13 Because they weren't searching with just their head,
14 okay, using instruments just with their head. They
15 used their na'au to find one of the most beautiful
16 places in the world.

17 And I believe that the people who come
18 from these lands are very beautiful people.

19 Yes. I will try to wrap it up. I know
20 people are wondering what's the point that I'm
21 trying to get to.

22 I guess my point is this: That our
23 stewardship of Hawaii nei as provided to us by our
24 ancestors, our stewardship is not our right. It's
25 our responsibility. And it's because of that

1 responsibility that I say -- my own personal
2 responsibility as an individual, nothing more than
3 that. I don't pretend to be anything more than I
4 am, just Kealii -- that I say the following: I have
5 so much love and aloha for everybody. I love this
6 community. I love Hawaii nei. But yesterday and
7 tonight, it hurt my heart that many of you out
8 there, kanaka maoli or not, who say we should, we
9 should be the ones to determine our future, our
10 nation, not the feds, nobody else, because we know
11 what's right for us, I -- I believe that. But when
12 we choose, when we choose to not listen, not let
13 each other speak -- there are people here who are
14 going to say stuff you don't like and you don't
15 agree and you think they don't know what they
16 talking about. You know what? You have an
17 opportunity to educate 'em. But when you shut them
18 down and you shout and don't let people speak, I say
19 auwe. That, too, is hewa. People like to throw
20 that around a lot.

21 But we're shutting down our own people.
22 They're not the ones. They didn't tell us to be
23 quiet.

24 Okay. Dawn, you are telling us we got our
25 two minutes and wrap up. I'm wrapping it up.

1 The only reason I'm bringing it up is like
2 so many of you, I want to be part of making a
3 difference, but you gonna make people afraid to
4 talk? You not gonna hear from their heart and their
5 na'au, just because you don't like what they're
6 saying or you disrespect where they come from? Come
7 on. That's all I'm saying.

8 And guess what? I don't know my answer
9 yet for one, two, three, four through nineteen. I
10 still trying to figure it out. Anybody out there
11 who wants to be productive and help me learn and
12 understand, I'm open to hearing.

13 But don't shout people down. Let them
14 hear. Afterwards -- let other people finish talking
15 first.

16 MS. CHANG: After is -- I have Nalani,
17 George, Shane, Timothy, Sam and Kimo.

18 MS. KEKUMANO: Aloha ahi'ahi. [Hawaiian
19 language spoken.] I thank you all for coming to
20 listen to us kanaka maoli people.

21 I have reviewed all the literature. This
22 is my second meeting and I have to say after
23 studying federal Indian law in the Supreme Court
24 library and the track record of the Department of
25 the Interior and being wards under 562 Indian

1 tribes, I have to say that my answer to all of your
2 questions are no.

3 I love my people. I am proud to live in
4 Pokai Bay and be from Waianae. I'm a proud
5 Hawaiian. I have traveled all over the world. I
6 spent 25 years in France, in Egypt, through the
7 Middle East. I've stayed in the Navajo nation. But
8 your track record in making the horror that my
9 people would be federal wards, with no vote, with
10 no --

11 I mean, the Curtis Act, the Hatch Act, I
12 studied these downtown in the Supreme Court library,
13 and my fear is -- I'm sorry. I cannot acquiesce. I
14 cannot do anything but say no.

15 And my people, they're hurt. They're hurt
16 from the injustices of 121 years, the piracy and
17 treason of the USS Boston that came in and took our
18 queen hostage in the coup d'etat, the premeditated
19 treason and piracy under Article 1, Section 8 of
20 your Constitution and Article 9 of the Articles of
21 Confederation that were used before the Bill of
22 Rights of 1791.

23 All I'm saying is that my people are in
24 pain and they deserve to have reparations under the
25 2nd and 4th Geneva Convention. These are war

1 crimes. And then not to mention the Nuremburg
2 Tribunal Charter of 1946, Article 6, Section A to J.

3 Now, these are crimes, premeditated
4 crimes. April 30th, 1900, when the Organic Act came
5 with no metes and bounds under Section 2, that
6 Organic Act made laws. Those laws have no
7 jurisdiction, as well as the Admissions Act.

8 Now, my people are suffering today because
9 all that money -- we have the wealthiest trust in
10 the world, a trillion dollar trust. Our people are
11 suffering because only the few of the U.S.
12 government and OHA and other people have
13 accessibility to our trust.

14 Our lands are the most expensive lands in
15 the world. We're wealthier than the Kuwaitis. I've
16 been to Kuwait. It's all in the bank. All I'm
17 saying, our people, they need this. They haven't
18 had any of it. Anyone that has had a benefit, I'd
19 like to know. Because our people -- I live in
20 Waianae and I see the homeless. And these trusts
21 and these lands and our trillion dollar trusts, they
22 belong to us and our people. Mahalo nui loa.
23 Sorry.

24 MS. CHANG: It is 8:45 and I am on 103 and
25 I have got up to 156, and we're gonna close at -- so

1 that's why when I ask you to kind of keep to two
2 minutes, it really was in respect to everybody else.

3 The next person is Harold Levy. After
4 Harold is Nalani, George, Shane and Timothy. Please
5 come up.

6 MR. LEVY: My name is Harold Levy and I'm
7 a fourth generation homesteader. My great
8 grandparents had a homestead, my grandparents did,
9 my parents did and I do.

10 To answer those five questions, the answer
11 is really no, no, no and no. The reason why is
12 we're not American Indians. We shouldn't come under
13 the Department of the Interior. We do not wish and
14 have a desire to be wards of the federal government.

15 The government has in trust -- had this
16 Hawaiian Home Lands trust. It laid it on the State
17 to do it. They were very poor stewards of the
18 trust. Even though I am a homesteader, it took me
19 far too many years to get my homestead.

20 Quite honestly, sovereignty is an issue
21 that we all share as Hawaiians. It is a God-given
22 right. No paper, no law, nothing the United States
23 can tell us will give sovereignty to us. God gave
24 us sovereignty to who we are. It is God who gave us
25 the right to self-determination. No country,

1 including the United States, can tell us, You can
2 have sovereignty now. We have always been sovereign
3 and we have never yielded that sovereignty. We are
4 and continue to be a free people.

5 But how can we be free if we're still
6 under the hedge of the federal government? How can
7 we be free when the same country that took over our
8 country is telling us that we are sovereign now or
9 we can let you -- we can help you be sovereign?
10 That's not freedom. Freedom is when we can choose
11 what we want and we can determine who we are as a
12 people. No federal government and/or law can ever,
13 ever do that.

14 All we ask is the right for us on our own
15 to determine who we are, the form of the government
16 that we take, and then we speak as equals as a
17 nation to the United States. Aloha.

18 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Nalani -- could
19 George, Shane, Timothy and Sam come up?

20 MS. AIPOALANI-TUAOI-TO'OTO'O: Aloha and
21 talofa. My name is Nalani Aipoalani-Tuaoi-To'oto'o,
22 and I stand here not just for myself but also for my
23 nine children. I was born and raised here in
24 Nanakuli, on Hawaiian Homestead. Unfortunately, I
25 am not a leasee of the homestead.

1 But what I do want to share is what is on
2 my heart, the answers to the first three questions.
3 It may be upholding or appalling to some of you, but
4 I vote yes. For number four and five, we need to
5 come to some kind of agreement where we have other
6 different organizations come and not just kukakuka,
7 because a lot of people like to talk the talk but
8 not walk the walk.

9 We have different entities and different
10 organizations within this nation, and how can we
11 say, oh, this one group is gonna get it, when we
12 have like 20 or 30 different groups that's all
13 fighting for the same thing, but they're not with
14 each other.

15 For myself and my family, especially my
16 children, I know I won't be able to see it, but --
17 please excuse my language -- but I'm damn certain my
18 kids are gonna get what they deserve. What was
19 taken from our ancestors way back when, yes, it was
20 a travesty.

21 I walked in the 1993 walk. I did
22 everything that I possibly could and now I can't
23 just do it for myself. I have to do it for my
24 children.

25 I worked on a reservation, teaching at an

1 elementary school, which is Chief Leschi Elementary,
2 and to see how the Indian people ended up from what
3 they had before to what they have now, I want that
4 for my people. I want my people to be given the
5 assets, given the monies, because they do have
6 different organizations that they already -- they
7 have already formed and they're incorporating now.
8 Please help them.

9 And for this I thank you for coming here
10 and I know you didn't have to and I know it wasn't
11 you who did the injustice to our people. But it was
12 the ones that came before you, and for that, I thank
13 you again and I apologize. Mahalo. Sorry.

14 MS. CHANG: Thank you very much. George,
15 Shane, Timothy -- is George here? Shane? Timothy
16 Kahalewai? Sam Kapoi? Kimo? Anna Naeole? Arken
17 Lucero? D'Angelo McIntyre? Makamae Ahquin? Karen
18 Murphy? Kawai -- is it Kawai? Kainoa? Blanch
19 Larson?

20 MR. KAPOI: Aloha kakou. Sam Kapoi from
21 Waianae. I came to speak on behalf of my ohana.

22 Real simply, I just wanted to say no
23 against the proposed rule change, simply because a
24 lot of us, you know, we're saying no, saying yes --
25 because for me, three days coming in and saying

1 we're going to have this meeting was kind of out of
2 the blue, when -- when I get kuleana, yeah, when for
3 just aloha 'aina, aloha kai. But for come out of
4 the blue and just say, We're gonna have this meeting
5 to make these changes and all this stuff, that's
6 kinda nuts, and not really give us maka'ainana,
7 regular people, that just [Hawaiian language spoken]
8 for dive into the technology kind stuff so for
9 really understand what this whole thing is trying to
10 do for our people.

11 But anyway, simply kine put, a'ole. So
12 mahalo.

13 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. The last five I have
14 is Momi Fernandez. I missed Mr. Couch. Let's see.
15 Is it Kang, Kendra Kang? Georgette Myers. That's
16 the last. So Momi?

17 MS. FERNANDEZ: Mahalo Ke Akua and kupuna
18 and na 'aumakua. Mahalo for being here, because
19 your presence allows us to hear each other and to
20 address not only the questions but to learn from
21 each other, as well. My name is Momi Imaikalani
22 Fernandez. I'm going to make this as fast as I can.

23 I say no to questions 1 through 13.
24 Number 14, I say the drafters of any constitution
25 involving Hawaiian people need to be drafted by

1 Hawaiian people for Hawaiian people. No to number
2 15 through 18, and a'ole to number 19, because I
3 don't believe the authority resides at the state
4 level.

5 I have a hard time trusting and engaging
6 in a conversation regarding a trust relationship
7 when there's been so many injustices in the past and
8 in the present. I even question whether you know
9 how many Native Hawaiians there are. The U.S.
10 Census Bureau even has conflicting data.

11 Aloha, Esther. I'm sorry. I should have
12 said aloha to you, always aloha to you. And I know
13 you know this. Those that are displaced, those that
14 are homeless, those that are incarcerated, medically
15 institutionalized or living in care homes are
16 especially not counted in the U.S. Census, because
17 either other people fill out the census for them,
18 they don't have the opportunity to fill it out
19 themselves. Those that serve in the military -- and
20 we have many men and women that are Hawaiian serving
21 in the military in foreign lands -- they never get
22 to fill out their census.

23 So our nation is much larger than what I
24 think you think. We know who we are. We know where
25 our families reside and I think we have a better

1 idea. Because of that reason, I propose that we
2 have our own Native Hawaiian census. When we need
3 to count our own people, as we have historically --
4 and we've done 100 percent in the past, in the
5 1400s, 1500s. That far back we have a history.

6 Okay. There's a discrepancy from ACS, or
7 American Community Survey, three year estimates of
8 Native Hawaiian population. It's 5,959 less than in
9 2010 in the Native Hawaiian alone and in combination
10 category.

11 I'm speaking because I saw my kupunas'
12 names on the ku'e petition, and I hope my ohana in
13 the future, the generations, my seven grandchildren
14 will not have to do this. I say no, and I say yes
15 to Hawaiian Kingdom. Mahalo.

16 MS. CHANG: George?

17 MR. NAWELI: Aloha Ke Akua. My name is
18 Reverend George Kaleokaapu Naweli. I stand here
19 before you with my almighty God Jehovah and Jesus
20 Christ as my Lord and Savior. It was necessary that
21 the word of God should first have been spoken to
22 you, but seeing he pulled it from you and judge you
23 himself unworthy of everlasting life, no return to
24 the gentile, for they've been ignorant of God's
25 righteousness and going about to establish their own

1 righteous, have not submitted themselves unto
2 the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of
3 the law for righteousness to everyone that believe.
4 If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus
5 and believe in thine heart that God has raised him
6 from the dead, thou shall be saved. For with the
7 heart men believe onto righteousness and with the
8 mouth confession is made onto salvation. For we
9 must come to Jesus. There's no other way. He's the
10 only way.

11 For you are my people. I have chosen you.
12 For there is no other people on this road than the
13 Hawaiian people, with a lot of aloha. How shall we
14 escape if we neglect so great of a salvation? For
15 it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone
16 that believes. For we must repent, for the Kingdom
17 of Heaven is at hand, and be converted that your
18 sins may be blotted out when the times of confession
19 shall come from the presence of the Lord, and be
20 baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you.
21 Just come to Jesus.

22 And I like say to all the sovereign groups
23 and all the ohanas and the halaus, we walk by faith
24 and not by sight. Faith does not respond to two
25 targets. You got to zero in on the right one.

1 People are quick to follow someone or something that
2 is exciting. Just give God the glory. Okay. I
3 know I'm through now. But I'd just like say, May
4 the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
5 God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you
6 all. Amen.

7 MS. CHANG: Mr. Couch, if you could, keep
8 it to two minutes or less.

9 MR. COUCH: Welcome to the ohana of the
10 leeward side, and welcome, group. Esther, thanks
11 for coming.

12 Folks, my tutu man, Reverend David
13 Hauolihaa, from the Lamb of God, ministered to me as
14 I was growing up, and he said, Boy, we need people
15 to take care of the Hawaiians, because the homeless
16 shall be great down this side. For the past 14
17 years, God put it in my heart to minister to the
18 local people in the bushes and all throughout the
19 Waianae coast and the island. We're growing, folks.
20 The homeless is growing. The homeless is growing.
21 Hawaiians, we need to put your ohana together.

22 My tutu man used to say -- even OHA, Dr.
23 Crabbe and all of you -- all the groups come
24 together, come together. My tutu man would say, Why
25 one climb the coconut tree and the other Hawaiians

1 pull him down? Why not we all climb the coconut
2 tree?

3 Why not release the monies so we can all
4 come together as ohana of Hawaii. God bless.

5 MS. LUCERO: Aloha. My name is Arleen
6 Lucero. I'm from this homestead, seventh
7 generation. Thank you for coming here tonight. I
8 know it was a mandate by our President Obama, who's
9 looking for resolution before he leaves office. And
10 I know it's not easy to be here to hear the
11 complaints, the shouts and the bickering, but I know
12 that our people remember our kupuna and the aloha
13 that they have that we can find resolution to all of
14 these problems.

15 All the questions, I say yes, if by
16 definition your Native Hawaiian community is the
17 original language of our Kuhio, who says 1/32nd
18 percentage of blood makes our native people. If we
19 all can come together as an organization of a people
20 with a common goal and a common love, then we can
21 accomplish great things.

22 For me -- [inaudible] told me no cry, so
23 I'm not, and she's out there. When I remember
24 working in the Native Hawaiian communities with the
25 Native Hawaiian Health Care Act of 1988, the Waianae

1 Coast Comprehensive Health Center was written out of
2 the Native Hawaiian Bill to put in direct services
3 to the people of the islands. Instead, we became a
4 native information and referral organization. And
5 yes, it did great things, because we had more Native
6 Hawaiian doctors, and thank God for that, because I
7 have a nurse who's Native Hawaiian working at
8 Queen's.

9 But for me, as a people we need to be able
10 to work -- and it's evident tonight, and I know
11 everywhere you went, that we have a hard time
12 working and even talking to each other tonight.
13 Because we cannot allow each other to be hurt,
14 because --

15 And I went to my kupuna Maunakea, because
16 that was the only last grandma I had alive, my mom's
17 hanai grandma. And I told her, Grandma, why is it
18 that the Hawaiians always have to fight each other,
19 why can't we work together? And that was on the
20 Native Hawaiian Health Care Act. And she told me:
21 Baby, the hurt runs deep, from generation to
22 generation we carry a hurt we don't even understand.
23 That's why our jails are full. That's why we're the
24 lowest paid, can't go to college, because we don't
25 have money. Raising families that we do care about

1 -- not that we don't care.

2 Basically, for me, I say we can come
3 together. And I'm gonna leave this short note,
4 because I want you to remember what our prince said
5 in 1987 [sic]. Within this century they have
6 dwindled from 400,000 healthy, happy children of
7 nature, without care and without want, to a little
8 more than a tenth of what -- of that number of
9 landless, hopeless victims to the greed and vices of
10 civilization. Year by year these footprints will
11 grow more dim along the sand of their reef-sheltered
12 shores and fainter and fainter will come the sing-
13 full songs from the shadows of the palms, until
14 finally their voices will be heard no more.

15 But I tell you tonight, people, we are
16 here. Your voices have not ceased and our prince
17 would be happy. Thank you.

18 MS. CHANG: This is the last three for
19 tonight, Shane and then Karen and the children.

20 Please state your name.

21 MR. KAHANAEOE: I thought I wasn't going to
22 be able to speak, but -- aloha everybody. Thank you
23 for letting me speak. My name is Shane, 39 years
24 old, kanaka maoli, and I have six kids, all
25 Hawaiian. Born and raised in Waimanalo. Moved to

1 Nanakuli.

2 I just had a question I wanted to ask.
3 And why is it that we have to pay tax on land that
4 belongs to us? And I mean, I don't understand. I
5 don't understand. I just wanted to ask that
6 question. And I wanted to give you an example.
7 Imagine living in a house with 24 people, trying to
8 survive, welfare, food stamps, and we gotta pay for
9 live on our land. That no make sense to me. I
10 mean, where is the justice in that?

11 And, you know, while we waiting and
12 everybody pointing finger, that person did this,
13 this person did that, and right now is our time for
14 come together.

15 And I never had the chance to write
16 anything down. This is off the top of my head, so
17 excuse me. But that's just how I feel.

18 You know, a lot of us -- me, I grew up not
19 knowing how to speak my own language, and that's
20 shame. You know, a lot of us do. That's why we not
21 speaking today, because, you know, we don't even
22 understand our own language. Isn't that genocide?
23 Who is responsible for that?

24 You know, in the meantime, while we're
25 waiting for you guys to do something about it,

1 people are dying, get diseases. Health and
2 education is, I don't know, something else.

3 But I'm here because I want to see
4 something happen and -- aloha everybody. Thank you.

5 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. I'd appreciate if you
6 could keep it short.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think this whole
8 system stinks, because it's like a hit and run. You
9 go here, you go there, you go here and there, end by
10 nine, everybody gets two minutes. We used to get
11 five back like a couple of decades ago. But, you
12 know, it's like if you miss it here, oh, you gotta
13 come all the way out here and maybe get -- maybe you
14 get to get heard, okay. And it makes us all crabs
15 in a barrel. I don't like that. I don't trust a
16 system that does that to us. Why should we trust
17 Department of the Interior if they're going to do
18 that to us, make us feel like crabs in a barrel?

19 Okay. I say no, obviously. Okay. But
20 this whole thing is written in a very demeaning way.
21 It says government-to-government, and then it says,
22 U.S. government to Native Hawaiian community. Okay?
23 Not Hawaiian Nation. It's not even addressing the
24 people as they are. Okay?

25 The second one -- I'm just going to go

1 through this -- I only have one minute. I'm going
2 to go through the second one. Okay? Why should we
3 trust a government to help us reorganize that cannot
4 even -- that should be reorganizing itself? Okay?
5 They go around. They kill here. They --

6 Why should we want even the university
7 degrees, when all they create is Agent Orange and
8 that kind of poisons, you know, funding for things
9 like Agent Orange? No. We don't want that. Okay?

10 And then, they cannot even uphold the
11 kanawai mamalahoe which is in the state
12 constitution. Okay? The first law of the land in
13 Hawaii is kanawai mamalahoe. It is in the state
14 constitution. It's that little green thing. It's
15 in everybody's -- on all the police badges. It is
16 not even being upheld.

17 There are bills being passed -- or
18 scheduled to be fast-tracked this week, Bill 42, 43,
19 44, which will make it illegal to even sit on the
20 sidewalk. How is that safe? How is that safe?

21 MS. CHANG: If you could keep it really
22 short, I'd appreciate it.

23 MS. LARSON: [Language of El Savador
24 spoken.] I am not a Hawaiian. I am from Central
25 America, and I witnessed similar things what is

1 happening in Hawaii in my country of El Salvador,
2 okay, when they trying to convert us from
3 Salvadoranians, republicans to communists. So you
4 folks, you need to speak up. You need to stand up
5 and keep doing what you are doing here today. Let
6 your voice be heard.

7 I am a mother of three. One was born and
8 raised in here. And I am a grandmother of six.
9 They were all born and raised over here. I am an
10 ex-military wife and I've been here since 1984. I
11 love Hawaii. I'm not going to take more time. I
12 want others to have the time. Okay? So aloha and I
13 love you and God bless you.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You guys heard it.
15 Right? We need to fight, brothers and sisters.
16 There's no time for us to be bickering about small
17 potato things. Okay?

18 Now, I don't know how much time I talk in
19 front of the federal people. But I thank you folks.
20 I was told that you guys were brought by Obama, same
21 color like us. You know, he loves us and we love
22 him, too.

23 But the thing is that in the Act, brothers
24 and sisters, in the Act, it doesn't say we need to
25 pay for property, in the act, Homestead Act. It

1 doesn't say we have to pay for water in the Act.
2 But what it does say that is the most important
3 thing for all of us, brothers and sisters, I tell
4 you guys right now --

5 I'm a lady of action. I've been doing a
6 lot of work in my community. I walk the streets for
7 37 years, never got paid a penny. But you know
8 what? My Nanakuli homestead, Hawaiians, they
9 strong. Nobody comes in through our door, nobody,
10 until we say so. Isn't that right, Nanakuli? You
11 guys know that. Nobody comes in through our door,
12 nobody, until we say so. Isn't that right,
13 Nanakuli? You guys know that. Nobody comes in our
14 door until we say so.

15 So I'm gonna tell you folks the most
16 important thing of the Act that you must do, and
17 that is your job for us natives, the most important
18 thing, brothers and sisters, is the fact that they
19 need to rehabilitate us. They supposed to get us to
20 the highest nationality. And who is that? That's
21 the Japanese that get all the high-paying jobs.
22 They supposed to get us to that part. We are on the
23 bottom, like worms. No more already. Enough with
24 this kind of stuff.

25 If you promise us, you follow the Act.

1 Like Obama has brought you here for us. If you
2 follow the Act on that, then we all going to be
3 saved.

4 We need to help them. We need to follow
5 them. We need to make sure that they don't forget
6 about us. We need to constantly make sure they see
7 our faces and hear our hearts. Do you understand,
8 people?

9 Okay? So remember that. That's the most
10 important thing. We gonna -- that's what we seek
11 for. We seek to get the highest. Yes? That's
12 right. Thank you.

13 MS. CHANG: Okay. This is our last
14 comments of the night. It's the children.

15 KAMUELA: Hi. My name is Kamuela. I am
16 proud to be a kanaka maoli. I came here all the way
17 from Kukaniloko just to say that.

18 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will be speaking
20 in 'olelo Hawaii. [Hawaiian language spoken.]

21 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mahalo Ke Akua and
23 aloha Ke Akua from us to you. Aloha.

24 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Nanakuli. Mahalo.
25 This is the end of the comment period for this --

1 tomorrow night we're gonna be at Heeia. Please come
2 and join us. Remember there's all the different
3 ways to make your comment. So mahalo.

4 (Meeting concluded at 9:19 p.m.)

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I, SUE M. FLINT, Notary Public, State of Hawaii, do hereby certify:

That on June 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., the Public Meeting regarding whether the Federal Government should reestablish a government-to-government relationship with the Native Hawaiian community, was taken down by me in machine shorthand and was thereafter reduced to typewriting under my supervision;

That the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings had in the foregoing matter.

I further certify that I am not an attorney for any of the parties hereto, nor in any way concerned with the cause.

This 103-page transcript dated June 24, 2014, was subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 2014, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

SUE M. FLINT, RPR, CSR 274
Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My Commission Exp: July 23, 2015