

JENNIFER HO

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10 MS. HO: Hi. My name is Jennifer Ho, and I live
11 here in Hilo, Hawaii. I thank you for coming and making an
12 opportunity for us to give you public testimony.

13 I'm very concerned. My brothers both served in
14 the -- two of my brothers served in the Navy, and I'm
15 concerned about today's Navy. I know that in your mission
16 to take care of America, you do a lot of submarine sonar,
17 and that is something that I know has harmed sea life.
18 It's harmed whales, other cetaceans, dolphins, and I
19 understand turtles also are at risk.

20 And it's of great concern for me about the
21 increased militarization of Hawaii and of our oceans
22 because I know on Jeju Island, we've had increased military
23 presence and that as we're closing bases abroad, more of
24 the military are moving to new places. So here we are
25 wanting to make room for you and wanting to see you as
1 heroes, and you wanting to see yourself as heroes, and yet
2 I see what you are being asked to do is not heroic.

3 You are in ships that use sonar to detect an
4 enemy, an enemy that might not even be there. I think if
5 we changed our American policies not to be so militaristic,
6 if we work with other nations to help them have a better
7 quality of life, who would attack the person that's helping
8 them have a better quality of life? And your need to be so
9 wary is -- if you're only looking for enemies, that's what
10 you'll see. And I don't think whales or dolphins are
11 enemies, and I know water amplifies sound.

12 And I really wish that those of you who want to
13 see yourselves doing the right thing would ask that your
14 policies, the Navy's policies, and the increased
15 militarization would change. And I thank you for taking

16 this time to let me speak.