

NELSON HO

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10 MR. HO: Yeah. Aloha. Can everybody hear me?  
11 My name is Nelson Ho. I live here in Hilo, am a lifetime  
12 resident of Hawaii. I'd like to thank the military for  
13 presenting this opportunity, and I hope it's recorded and  
14 heard by more than you folks here in the room.

15 First of all, I'd like to speak out for the  
16 whales having their three minutes. In fact, I'd like to  
17 reverse it. I'd like for the Navy to have three minutes  
18 and then silence for the whales, for the turtles, for all  
19 the mammals and all the marine organisms that you folks are  
20 impacting. That's one of the concerns that I have.

21 The second one is for the overall militarization  
22 of Hawaii, an independent Hawaiian kingdom that was  
23 overthrown at the point of a bayonet by -- I think it was  
24 the Marines. Is that right, Moani?

25 MS. AKAKA: Yes.

1 MR. HO: Thank you. This was an independent  
2 nation, and it's still under occupation.

4 MR. HO: And it was the military that enabled a  
5 civilian government to be overthrown. I'd like to bring  
6 that to your attention.

7 The third thing, openly I'd like to create  
8 cognitive dissonance within the military because I think  
9 the military's mission has been distorted. And this whole  
10 desire for protection has led us into, I think, an  
11 overwhelming political force, military force, that is  
12 really bullying the rest of the world. And I, as a citizen  
13 who pays my taxes, wish that with stop. And I want you to  
14 see a person here who is willing to stand up and say that  
15 as a tax-paying American citizen, who believes in the  
16 Constitution even though I feel it's being dismantled by

17 the corporations and the powers that be. I want to stand  
18 in opposition to that.

19               So while I believe that the military may, in  
20 fact, be the largest researcher for marine studies, that's  
21 insufficient given the nature of your business and given  
22 the impacts, the adverse impacts that you are creating to  
23 our environment and our human society because while all  
24 this money and research goes to speak in favor of your  
25 military activities, our society is decaying. We can't pay  
1 for teachers. And in summary our society is becoming a  
2 third-world society, and we are creating way too many  
3 enemies that we don't need. So I thank you for --

5               MR. HO: -- listening to me and recording this  
6 testimony.