

19 PUANANI ROGERS: Aloha mai kakou. Aloha.
20 I invoke the presence of my ancestors as I stand here to
21 speak before you. I pray that they will come and stand
22 here with me so my words will be their words.

23 And I say, Ku`e i ka hewa ku`e ku i ka pono ku,
24 ku`e i ka hewa ku`e ku i ka pono ku.

25 Protest and resist the wrongs but stand for the
1 righteousness is what that meant.

2 I'm a Kanaka Maoli. I'm a Hawaiian
3 nationalist. My country is kahawaii kai ana. That is
4 what we call our country. I stand in strong protest to
5 this. I haven't had a chance either to read the EIS,
6 which is an environmental impact statement. And I
7 believe that if it were a true environmental impact
8 statement then this project would not happen.

9 (Applause.)

10 Because it is impacting negatively and in a
11 very drastic way our environment. And thinking in a
12 Hawaiian way, it all encompasses everything; our water,
13 our oceans, our marine life, our air, our space.
14 Anything that sustains life is sacred in our thoughts.

15 So I'm sorry. I hope that there could be a way
16 that we, the people, can get together with you, the
17 Navy, and come together with some kind of an agreement
18 or, I don't know, some kind of compromise. Because I
19 don't come here with any malice or hate for the Navy or
20 the military, although there may be reasons why I could
21 be.

22 But I stand here with pain and hurt to know
23 that these things can happen to us and to our
24 environment. And, you know, war is like a kill. And I
25 can't believe the Niihau people are supporting this

1 because I know they believe in God, and I know they
2 believe that thou shalt not kill. So through that
3 aspect I think they have been misled.

4 Please protect our island. I've been to the
5 Marshall Islands. We went to commemorate the bombing of
6 Bikini Island. It was called Bravo Project, and I met
7 people there that were suffering illnesses --

9 PUANANI ROGERS: Are we over?

11 PUANANI ROGERS: Okay. So mahalo to all
12 the people that came tonight, and I totally support all
13 of your testimonies.

15 PUANANI ROGERS: Thank you. (Applause.)