

6 SIRI SHABAD: Aloha, aloha. I live by that
7 word. I've been a resident here 12 years on this
8 island. I live in the Wailua Homesteads. And I was
9 born in Richmond, Virginia. That was the original road
10 to the White House. I come from the founding fathers of
11 this country. And I didn't plan to speak. I wanted to
12 listen.

13 I'm here to support my kupuna, my elders, and
14 I'm here to witness all of us, you as career people who
15 have taken the positions that you have taken because you
16 believe in your country, you believe you're doing good.

17 I'm saying we stand at a crossroads now. This
18 crossroads is about fear. I love this country. I love
19 everything about it. And since 2007 I have not paid my
20 federal taxes and lived on \$14,000 a year taking care of
21 my ohana. And I'm a doctor's daughter. I know how to
22 live well. I know how to contribute to people. And I'm
23 not saying this to get you upset. I'm saying this to
24 get you to move.

25 Because there is a tidal wave that's happening
1 right now, where we're all realizing we're not our
2 careers and maybe the powers that be, the authority
3 figures, the organizations that we've trusted do not
4 have our best interests in mind. And maybe there will
5 be more of us like me that say, I can't support
6 something that doesn't support life.

7 And I've suffered enough. I can't live like
8 that anymore. I have to come back. I have to
9 participate. I have to have life, food and sustenance
10 to feed the future that's coming. I know our children
11 that are being born now which I take care of and the
12 generations that come up are going to do what our kupuna

13 are laying out for us, the people that have lived here
14 in Hawaii that lived in a peaceful way, a peaceful
15 fashion where we had sections where everyone governed
16 their section, and when there was something that was
17 important for the whole island we got together.

18 You are part of that. We are part of that. I
19 want you to really think and understand who you were
20 when you got into your career and your values and your
21 beliefs. There's a change happening. And if we all
22 invest our time, our effort, our resources and our
23 money, which is a big voice, in what we believe, and if
24 we back out and say, No, I can't support that.

25 I want to come up with a better solution. I
1 don't want to be a rebel rouser. I don't want to be
2 angry. I've lived in fear for six years. What if the
3 government finds out? Are they going to put me in an
4 internment camp? I have been ashamed that I didn't have
5 what it takes to participate and work and work and work
6 and pay my federal income taxes and participate that
7 way. And I want to honor everyone here that has.

8 I'm asking you to wake up, feel the movement,
9 let go of the fear. We have enough. We have created
10 enough destruction. It's time to really listen from the
11 heart and let the intuitive mind lead the way. Thank
12 you. (Applause.)