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JOE WATSON: Thank you. My name is Joe

1 Watson. I live in Kapahi. I'm here to read the words
2 penned by a friend, Steve Backinoff of Kilauea, who had
3 to leave.

4 I am very concerned about the impact of sound
5 and weapon testing on marine mammals and other sea life
6 as well as humans. In the research I have done I have
7 some documentation that some of the experts who have
8 claimed that whales and dolphins are safe in relation to
9 sonar testing are working under government grants or
10 universities so they are biased by their funding
11 resources.

12 I am strongly for decreasing military
13 expenditures and reallocating those funds to programs
14 that will improve conditions for peaceful communication.
15 Most people just want a safe home with food to eat, and
16 that is much less expensive than high-tech weaponry and
17 protective weaponry. Thank you. (Applause.)