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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Meeting February 9, 2023, RE: Kūlanihākoʻi High School
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Aloha Chair Giovanni and Members of the Commission,

I am Nakela Auld-Rodrigues, a freshman at Kūlanihākoʻi High School in Kihei. I appreciate you taking the time to reconsider the issue of the improvement Condition imposed by your Commission in 2013.

As you know, this high school was supposed to be built a long time ago. Now it is, and yet the school is still put on hold. It's ridiculous to take other people's opinions into consideration rather than listening to the smaller but bigger voices – which are the kids, teachers, and staff. If we moved up to the new school we would be able to have our own lunch schedule, our own sports/club teams, not having to share a space with middle schoolers, and last but not least having our freedom in our own school. We were supposed to move up to our new school after winter break and then we couldn't because they figured out the roundabout was too dangerous for kids to cross, so they put the plan to move up to the school on hold once again. I understand the importance of safety, and I pledge not to cross the highway on foot but to use the transportation provided by the school and my parents.

Please consider those most affected by your decision and amend the 2013 Condition to allow us to safely use our campus while the adults keep figuring out the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Mahalo,
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