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**To:** [DBEDT LUC](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Meeting February 9, 2023, RE: Kūlanihākoʻi High School  
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Aloha Chair Giovanni and Members of the Commission,

My name is Tahitoa Viernes, and I am 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.

We want to go to the new campus so that we can start clubs and sports, and so we may have more space instead of being cramped on Lokelani's campus. We appreciate they are willing to host us, but it feels like we are not only blocked from getting most of the opportunities we could have at the new campus, but also like people don't understand the pain of running between three little portables around four times a day, waiting longer for lunch, and the downside of having no room to have extracurricular activities. We barely have any freedom here since the middle school day and ours overlap, and sometimes it feels like our voice isn't being heard in terms of wanting to get up to the campus but being denied by people who aren't even being affected by this holdup.

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,  
Tahitoa Viernes  
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