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Aloha,

Attached is a testimony letter for this week's meeting.

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Mahalo for your consideration,  
Kūlanihāko'i Student

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Student of Kūlanihāko'i High School  
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Aloha Chair Giovanni and Members of the Commission,

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

I am really disappointed to still be attending school at Lokelani Intermediate School's campus because we are not allowed to use our ready campus buildings. 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. You have lots of adults who don't know me telling you what I am going to do, but I am asking you to listen to me and the other students.

When I got the news that we weren't going to the high school, I was tremendously disappointed, yet again, by another setback. Every time we're supposed to go up to the high school, we get delayed or another issue arises. Where we are now is not convenient for the students and the staff. We can't use the field. We eat after all the Lokelani students. The most upsetting part for me is that we can't have the things we want, such as football games, dances, prep rallies, etc. I can't say I like how people that aren't from our high school are giving negative feedback that might affect our high school opening and since it affects our learning. Don't get me wrong; the community should provide as much feedback on how they feel about the high-school opening as possible. But I don't appreciate how they're sending negative letters to the mayor saying we shouldn't be allowed at the school. All the students and staff agreed not to cross the highway on foot. The buildings are ready, and so are we. We should decide when to go to the new high school, especially since we are part of the community.

We have buses to get to and from the high school, which the students are okay with taking. I don't particularly appreciate how we can't go where we want on the current campus. We're constantly being watched by Lokelani staff everywhere we go, and we can't have the electives we want. We only have computer science and Spanish offered as electives, which aren't enough options.

They should have built an overpass in the first place because of the highway, but it isn't the students' fault that it wasn't built. It's ridiculous how our voices are constantly drowned by the community's words when they aren't even the ones attending the new high school. We've been waiting about six months to move up to the high school, and here we are to this very day, still waiting for the news we've been waiting months for. We should be at the high school and not still stuck at a middle school. The students are irritated with coming still to the same place we should've left months ago.

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 arguing about the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Mahalo,

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