Aloha mai kakou, ‘o Ali‘i Niles ko‘u inoa. O keia ka‘u mana‘o kako‘o e pili ana i ke kukulu ‘ana o ka paia pohaku no ke ‘Auwai ‘o Waihe‘e. E like me ka‘u i ‘olelo ai, kako‘o piha au i ke kukulu ‘ana o ka paia pohaku ma ke ‘Auwai ‘o Waihe‘e no ka mea he mea ko’iko‘i ka wai no na kanaka Hawai‘i me na lo‘i. Ma Waihe‘e, ‘a‘ole nui ka wai no kekahai mau lo‘i ma laila no ka mea ua pani ka wai. Me ka ‘ole o ka wai, pehea na kanaka Hawai‘i e malama ai i ko lako mau lo‘i? No lako, ‘o ka lo‘i ko lakou noho. Kekahi o lakou ma ka lo‘i no ko lakou mea’ai, a kekahio lako, ku’ai aku paha lako i ko lako meakanu. I ko‘u mana‘o, he mea kokua nui ke kaha hou ‘ana o ka wai i Waihe‘e. ‘O kekahio pilikia ‘e a‘e ka ho‘ololi ana i ke ala o ka wai i HC&S. Nui ‘ino ko lakou wai i laila, a ua pani no ‘o HC&S, no laila ‘a‘ole lakou e ho‘ohana ana i ka wai i keia manawa. Ua huaka‘i au a me ko‘u mau hoaaloha i Kapuna Farms. ‘Oiai kakou i laila, ua a‘o lakou e pili ana i ka wai e komo ‘ole ana i ke ‘Auwai i laila, no laila malo‘o loa ka ‘aina ma‘o. Pa‘akiki no ka malama ana i ka lo‘i ina ‘a‘ohe wai e kahe ana i kela lo‘i.

My name is Ali‘i Niles and I am here to testify on agenda item B2. I fully support the approval of Stream Diversion Works Permit of Hui ‘o Nā Wai ‘Ehā to reestablish the North Waihe‘e ‘Auwai by reconstruction of a rock wall to divert approximately 1.4 million GDP. I strongly believe that the reestablishment of the North Waihe‘e ‘Auwai is beneficial to the local farmers of that area who’s farms have no water to provide for their crops, and of course, not having water for crops in a farm means no food. For some, their food is the way that they are surviving, whether it’s just farming to have their own food source, or even selling the crops to make extra money from it. I’m sure that you guys already know that it’s a natural way of life for a lot of people throughout Hawai‘i. Redirecting this water to Waihe‘e helps a portion of the people that survive off of their farms, or maybe even anybody in that area that may need water for their families. With Wailuku Sugar and HC&S having most of the water diverted to their sugar cane fields before they shut down, it has affected many people of Maui since the water isn’t really being used now other than a few of the fields by Hana highway. Also, Maui is currently having a water drought, so maybe if all the diverted water for what used to be Wailuku Sugar and HC&S was allowed to flow where they originally came from, it could possibly help fix our water drought here. Recently, my classmates and I took a field trip to Kapuna Farms in Waihe‘e, along with some of the upperclassmen. There, we learned about why the lo‘i there was so dry. The lo‘i is dry there because of water not being able to flow through that specific area. The caretakers of that lo‘i basically do that for a living, but without water, how are they supposed to maintain healthy crops? That is why I support the reestablishment of the North Waihe‘e ‘Auwai for the water diversion. Mahalo for your time.

- Ali‘i Niles
Hello everyone, my name is Kilinahe Rabanes and I am a student at King Kekaulike High School. I will be reporting on B2 and I fully support the approval of the Stream Diversion Works permit application. Here I will talk about our water sources in water, coal, and water drainage etc. To re-establish the North Watershed by rebuilding a stone wall that will turn 1,392,326 GPD into a true Hawaiian, we have a responsibility to continue to be able to fully support our community and have a story about our country that we learn from these different stories such as the origin and the need to continue these traditions. the way we live, and the use of our resources to help keep our country at a high standard. water of the taro farmers on the northern side of the water where their taro grows. This is a big trend in our country and our Kaiaulu (Community). Because of this situation as Hawaiian people the taro farmers are suffering without water to grow and plant food for their families and the danger that our people are facing because of the pain without water, unable to take care of their families. do the roles there 'The heart is family and for the ancestors we will help and change this situation.