

WE OF HALE MOHALU, OUR COMMUNITY AT KALAUPAPA, AND OUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS TO SAVE OUR HOMES. WE HAVE TRIED TO HELP THE STATE UNDERSTAND THAT HANSEN'S DISEASE AFFECTS ONLY THE BODY. OUR MINDS COMPREHEND THAT A FACILITY DEEDED TO THE STATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "AS A LEPROSARIUM IN PERPETUITY" IS, INFACT, INTENDED FOR OUR USE. OUR HEARTS, LIKE ALL HEARTS, KNOW WHERE HOME IS. AND OUR SOULS KNOW THAT THE ONLY RESPONSE TO INJUSTICE IS TO RESIST. WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND WE CAN ONLY REMAIN FULLY HUMAN IF WE HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AS ALL OTHER CITIZENS. IT IS A CRUSHING INDICTMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT THE ONLY CHOICE LEFT TO US IS WHETHER TO BE INSTITUTIONALIZED IN A HOSPITAL OR IN A PRISON; IN JAIL, WE HAVE GREATER FREEDOM. HALE MOHALU WAS EARNED FOR THE STATE ONLY BY THE EFFORT, BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS OF HAWAII HANSEN'S DISEASE PATIENTS. NOW THAT THE STATE HOLDS TITLE TO THE LAND, ITS OFFICIALS WANT TO MOVE THE PATIENTS OUT, AS THOUGH THEY WERE CHATTEL. ALL WE ASK WAS TO REMAIN ON OUR LAND AT HALE MOHALU WHERE SO MANY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIVED AND DIED IN ISOLATION, FOR THE SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE UNDERSTOOD WHY THAT SACRIFICE WAS NECESSARY. WE ARE STILL WAITING TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE MUST GIVE UP OUR HOMES AS WELL. WE PLEDGE TO CONTINUE OUR SEARCH FOR JUSTICE, AND WE ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF ALL HAWAII'S PEOPLE.

THE HALE MOHALU OHANA WILL MEET

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