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Honorable Richard K. C. Lee, M.D.  
President, Board of Health  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Sir:

This is by way of replying to your request of January 6, 1955, as to whether or not a person convicted of a felony loses his real property tax exemption as provided for by section 5150, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1945.

Please be advised that the loss of "civil rights" of a felon does not extend to the tax exemption and if the requisites of section 5150 are met, the patient would be entitled to his exemption even though he is a convicted felon.

Very truly yours,

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