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December 3, 2015

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi  
Senate President  
State Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph Souki  
Speaker of the House  
State House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Chapter 487N, Hawaii Revised Statutes – Report of Security Breach  
of Personal Information

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Speaker Souki:

In compliance with Chapter 487N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Security Breach of Personal Information, the Department of Taxation (Department) is submitting this written report to notify you that a security breach was discovered on October 26, 2015.

The breach occurred when a Department of Taxation employee was responding to a taxpayer who had sent in an email request via the Office of Governor David Ige. In response to the taxpayer, the Department of Taxation employee copied Governor Ige's staff on the reply email to the taxpayer, in order to inform Governor Ige's staff that the taxpayer's request had been addressed. Although the Department staff only intended to inform Governor Ige's staff that the Department had responded to the taxpayer's inquiry, the taxpayer had not provided express permission that the Governor's staff be included in subsequent communication.

The Department notified the affected taxpayer on December 1, 2015. A copy of the notice to the taxpayer is enclosed. To prevent this incident from recurring in the future, the Department will remind its staff to not include any individual on email communications without express permission from the taxpayer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mallory Fujitani at 587-1540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "marie", written over a large, stylized flourish.

MARIA E. ZIELINSKI  
Director of Taxation

Enclosure