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Governor William F. Quinn
Washington Place
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Governor Quinn:

May I take this opportunity to say that I think the importance of the referendum on our statehood status is much more important than popularly supposed?

I venture to predict that one of the most surprising features of our forthcoming election will be the number of votes opposing statehood, plus the number of ballots which will carry neither yes or no votes.

In one of the classes at a local high school last Thursday only three of the students were actively in favor of statehood, and the remainder were either apathetic, saying, "it will make no difference", or definitely opposed. I think, unquestionably, these youngsters reflect the attitude of their parents. I am confident that a good many of the so-called "moneyed" people are not in favor of statehood. I feel, therefore, that we should guard against the lethargy of the undoubted majority of persons who favor statehood and that candidates in the forthcoming campaign should enthusiastically and constantly urge the electorate to cast affirmative ballots on the statehood questions.

With best wishes,

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