

Dear Senate Rules Committee members,

Please vote NO on SB 761, a dangerous piece of vote suppression legislation.

Direct democracy, when citizens sign petitions for ballot measures, enjoys the same status and legal protection as voting. And single-sheet petitions are meant as a means of providing access for people to participate in the legislative process of citizen lawmaking. To raise up these obstacles to citizens engaging in the lawmaking process is equivalent to voter suppression.

This legislation is clearly intended to make it harder for organizations to collect signatures for petitions. There are no justifiable reasons for this legislation, and it will do nothing to prevent fraud. In fact, by penalizing the entire petitioning effort of a measure when someone violates this law, it encourages bad actors to sabotage a campaign that they oppose by simply violating the provisions of this law.

Please vote NO on SB 761.

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