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I OPPOSE SB 952

The U.S. Constitution provides for the direct election of Senators by the people, a principle enshrined by the 17th Amendment. By allowing the governor to appoint a Senator, we risk undermining this constitutional safeguard and returning to a system that circumvents the will of the voters. The people should retain the power to choose their representatives, not have that power taken away by an unelected official.

We all know that incumbents have a distinct advantage as we have seen replacing judges. Does Wyden plan to resign 80 days before the election to give his party an advantage? Instead of making the same mistake, Judges should only be replaced by election.