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I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 952. in granting the governor the power to appoint a U.S. Senator in the event of a vacancy.

While the intention of such a proposal may be to ensure continuity of representation, I believe that this approach undermines the principles of democratic representation and the will of the people. Our system of government is built on the idea that citizens have the right to choose their representatives, including U.S. Senators. Allowing a governor to appoint a senator bypasses this fundamental right and diminishes the voice of the electorate