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Dear Committee Chair and Members,

As our elected Public Servants, you took an oath to uphold the US Constitution.

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.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you.