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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose SB 952

The U.S. Constitution, through the 17th Amendment, guarantees the direct election of Senators by the people. Allowing a governor to appoint a Senator undermines this democratic safeguard and reverts to a system that sidesteps the will of the voters.

The power to choose representatives should remain with the people—not be handed to an unelected official.

We've seen how incumbency provides a significant advantage, particularly in judicial appointments. Is Senator Wyden planning to resign 80 days before an election to give his party an edge? If so, we shouldn't repeat that mistake. Judges—and all public officials—should be replaced through fair and open elections, not political maneuvering.