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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB952

Greetings,

I am writing to oppose SB 952. As a non-affiliated elected in a non-partisan elected office, I have to observe that this bill prioritizes partisanship in the appointment process. Present parties notwithstanding, if someone with no party were to hold the office of senator and were to vacate that position unexpectedly, then the party requirement in this bill would create confusion in the next step.

As someone who has opted to remain non-partisan so that I can better focus on my constituents I also take exception to the party requirement in this bill over-all. When we vote, we vote for a name specific to an individual; the ballot does not read "Democrat" or "Republican"; we vote for people. Requiring a particular party for appointment is unethical.

Thank you,

Drew Farmer