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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB952

I strongly oppose SB952. We the people elect our U.S. Senators. We choose them to represent our interests in Congress. If there becomes a vacancy, allowing a governor to make an appointment without consulting the voters directly undermines the democratic process. We the people should have the opportunity to elect our Senator, not have one imposed upon us through political appointment. This is especially important given that appointed Senators do not face the same level of scrutiny, accountability, or public engagement as those elected by voters. Also, when a governor is given the authority to appoint a Senator, the process becomes vulnerable to political manipulation. A governor could appoint someone who aligns with their agenda and not someone who truly represents the best interests of the people. The public's trust in the fairness of our political system is undermined. Please vote NO on SB952 and continue to let the people elect our U.S. Senators.