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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned for democracy. The worlds greatest deliberative body has spent the past term as a rubber stamp for clearly incompetent jurists while blocking nearly all legislation. What little of substance was considered in the previous term was rammed through by leadership (two budget reconciliation bills) with little proofreading much less deliberation. A century ago some vestiges of a confederation of sovereign states were dropped with the direct election of Senators but apportionment by state remains leaving Senators Harris and Feinstein with a fiftieth of the voice to represent an eighth of the population. War powers have been abdicated. Budget powers along with advice and consent are being allowed to slip. It is time for the Senate to follow the example of the House of Lords and allow the people's chamber to govern.

*Please assure me that you will fill Senator Harris' seat with an advocate for a weak Senate.*

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from the rule of the people.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson