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Disregard the mental gymnastics the other side is doing here to tie us in knots and try to make sense of the truly nonsensical.

They say Proposition 5 "protects democracy." It does the opposite – it erodes one of the fundamental elements of our recall process: to choose who replaces the recalled politician.

That's not protecting democracy – that's protecting political elites.

They call California's system a "dangerous loophole." It's worked for 100 years, ousting politicians who abuse their office and replacing them with whoever the voters decide will do better.

Proposition 5 would create a loophole, not close one.

The other side is gaslighting you. They think you won't notice. Don't be fooled.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Our recall process is only 'broke' for those who find themselves on the business end of it, like Proposition 5's author did when he raised taxes after breaking campaign promises.

Now, he wants to burn it down on his way out the door – making future recalls less effective and keeping politicians like him less accountable.

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If you traded in your car, would you want to know what you were getting in return – or would you be happy to sign it away and let the salesman stick you in a jalopy of their choosing after you've already committed? That's what Proposition 5 asks you to do.

Our recall system will continue to work just fine, if we don't let political elites with sour grapes tinker with it to their benefit.

Vote NO!

- Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones
- Assemblymember Joe Patterson