

I am writing this testimony to Express my concern with lowering the voting ag to 16. I absolutely do not agree with this. As the parent of 3 children at and close to the 16 year old age range, I can tell you that 16 year olds are not yet fully aware of the world and how it works. A 16 year old child does not yet have the maturativity or level of responsibility necessary to make proper decisions when it comes to voting. They have not yet paid taxes, most have not worked a job, they are not deemed responsible enough to join the military, own a weapon, smoke cigarettes or buy alcohol. All due to the fact that they are not yet mature enough for such important and/or consequential decisions. Voting is one more of those important and consequential decisions that a child, who has not even been exposed to the realities of the real world, has the life experience to wisely make. I urge you to make the decision to allow children to make adult decisions.

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone