

Dear Committee Members,

As a retired clinical social worker whose employment was in child welfare for thirty plus years and a former scoutmaster (twice), I urge you to vote "No" on SJR22 and SB838. Some sixteen year old are mature enough to be an informed voter, but the age related lack of maturity for the majority will allow them to be manipulated.

The same reasons that you do not lower the voting age to twelve applies to sixteen year old's, only a little less so.

Again, I recommend a "NO" vote on SJR22 and SB838.

Robert M. Pinkerton
2695 Spring Valley Lane NW
Salem, Oregon 97304