

Greetings,

I am writing you today to urge you to oppose SB 838 and SJR22. Why do you want 16 year olds to be able to vote? The current voting age of 18 is the same age young people can join the military and purchase a firearm. A 16 year old can't even legally smoke in Oregon, yet YOU want to trust them to make educated decisions on how our state will run? I can say for a fact that I was not ready to make those type of decisions at the age of 16. The only reason the representatives of the people want to lower the voting age is so they can take advantage of the education system that is forcing socialist beliefs onto our youth. If nothing else, you should not use the emergency clause on this and allow the people you are SUPPOSED to represent the chance to vote on this in an upcoming election. By not representing the will of the people, or allowing us to vote on these measures, you are violating your oath of office. The only vote these measures should get is a NO vote. I strongly urge you to vote NO on these measures.

Sincerely,

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