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I do not support the voting age being lowered from 18 to 16 for several reasons.

My first concern is voter influence/pressure. Would schools become a place that ballots are passed out/cast? Would 16-18 year olds feel pressured by school staff to vote in a specific circumstance when voting for school measures/ballots/bonds?

The vast majority of Americans of all ages and political views agree that 16-year-olds should not be given the right to vote. A 2019 Hill-HarrisX poll found that 84% of registered voters opposed lowering the voting age to 16. The poll found every age group was against 16-year-olds voting, with the most support found among those under 35 where still only 39% were in favor.

I also am concerned that mail in ballots for 16-18 year olds, along with other age groups, are at high risk for fraud.

Sincerely,  
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