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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my full support for HJR 20, which seeks to lower the voting age to 16 in state and local elections. As a resident of Ashland, Oregon, I strongly believe that our youth should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives and their future.

Many young people in our community are highly engaged and informed about the issues that affect our state and local governments. They care deeply about issues such as education, healthcare, and the environment, and they deserve to have a voice in the decisions that shape their lives.

Lowering the voting age to 16 will also help to create a more inclusive and diverse electorate. Young people from all backgrounds and communities will have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process and have their voices heard.

Furthermore, studies have shown that young people who vote are more likely to remain engaged in the political process throughout their lives. By giving our youth the opportunity to vote at an earlier age, we are investing in the future of our democracy and ensuring that it remains strong and vibrant for generations to come.

In conclusion, I urge you to support HJR 20 and to give our youth the opportunity to participate in our democracy. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.