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I believe that it is vital that we give our youth a voice in the political process and allow them to participate in the decisions that will shape their future.

I have been deeply impressed by the passion, energy, and dedication of many of our young people, who are deeply committed to creating positive change in their communities and in our state. They care deeply about issues such as education, healthcare, and the environment, and they deserve to have a say in the decisions that affect their lives.

I also believe that lowering the voting age to 16 would help to create a more inclusive and representative democracy. Young people from all backgrounds and communities would have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process and have their voices heard. This would help to ensure that the decisions made by our elected officials truly reflect the diversity and richness of our communities.

As a grandmother, I have seen firsthand the power of young people to make a difference in our world. I have been inspired by the activism and leadership of my own grandchildren, who are deeply committed to creating positive change in their schools and communities. By giving our youth the opportunity to vote at an earlier age, we are investing in the future of our democracy and creating a better future for all Oregonians.

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