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I am 65 years old and in favor of making the voting age 16 years old. Because I've been active in politics for a long time, I've realized how crucial it is to give our young people a say in the decisions that have an impact on their life.

I already knew a lot at 16 about the issues that affected me and my neighborhood. I was eager to take part in the democratic process and had a solid grasp of the political scene. We must provide our young people the tools they need to participate as educated, active citizens who shape their own futures.

Additionally, I think that education is crucial in educating our young people for civic engagement. As a former educator, I have personally witnessed the benefits of comprehensive civics education. We must provide our children with the information and abilities they need to be informed, active citizens who shape their communities and the nation as a whole.

We are sending a strong message to our young residents that we appreciate their opinions and their involvement in the democratic process by lowering the voting age to 16. Giving our future leaders a voice in the choices that will affect their lives and the lives of their offspring and grandchildren is a duty we owe to them.

I hope you share the same sentiment.