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In recent years, we have seen young people across the country take to the streets to demand action on issues like climate change, gun violence, and racial justice. These young activists have shown us that they are not only engaged in the political process, but that they have a deep understanding of the issues facing our country and are ready to fight for change.

Lowering the voting age to 16 would be a powerful recognition of the importance of young people's voices in our democracy. It would give them a say in the decisions that affect their lives and their futures, and it would help to build a more engaged and active citizenry.

Let me tell you, having met and worked with many young people over the years, I have seen firsthand that they are often more politically aware and engaged than many adults. They have a deep sense of justice and fairness, and a passion for creating a better world.

Let us show them that we trust and respect their voices, and that we are committed to building a democracy that truly represents all of us.