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As a father and a therapist, one of the main reasons I support lowering the voting age is because of the level of youth engagement that continues to grow. More and more young people are becoming interested in politics and civic engagement, and it is time for our laws to reflect that reality. By giving 16 and 17-year-olds the right to vote, we can help them take up the mantle and begin using their voices in ways that we have never seen before. I believe that this change will help strengthen civics education in our schools. When young people have a stake in the game and can participate in the political process, they are more likely to learn about the issues and become more engaged citizens. This can only be a positive thing for our democracy. Research has also shown that 16 and 17-year-olds have the capacity to vote responsibly. In fact, many young people are already making important decisions that affect their lives, such as joining the military, paying taxes, and driving. It is only fair that they have a say in the decisions that will impact them and their communities. I hope you will support HJR 20 and get it on the House Floor.