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I support HJR 20.

It is a FACT that young people want to have a say on the issues that affect them. They are often the most affected by policies and decisions made by elected officials, yet they are not given a voice in the political process. Lowering the voting age to 16 would allow young people to have a say in the decisions that affect their lives and their future. The younger generation is very activist-oriented. They are passionate about issues such as climate change, social justice, and equality. They are not afraid to speak up and take action to make a difference. By giving them a voice in the political process, we can harness their energy and enthusiasm to create positive change in our society. I believe that if HJR 20 is enacted, it will serve to reengage, enfranchise, and recognize those in our democracy that are too often ignored, left out, and left behind. Our youth are not only the future, they are the present. By giving them a voice in the political process, we can ensure that their perspectives and experiences are taken into account when making decisions that affect our society as a whole. Some may argue that young people may not be mature enough to make decisions like this. However, often times it's young people who are educating their parents and other older individuals about who's running for office and why they should vote. Young people are engaged, informed, and passionate about creating positive change in our society. They are more than capable of making informed decisions about who they want to represent in government. I hope the House Committee on Rules supports the full passage of HJR 20.