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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HJR20

Dear Chair Fahey and members of the committee,

I urge you to join me in supporting HJR 20 to propose an amendment to the Oregon Constitution lowering voting age from 18 years of age to 16 years of age.

People of all ages are affected by politics and deserve to have a say in who represents them in office because our representatives represent EVERYONE in their jurisdiction and that includes youth. Many of today's elected officials will not live to see the lasting impacts of the decisions they make in office, but today's youth will. Young people deserve to have a say in our collective future. Politics affects everything -- school funding, climate change, protections for marginalized youth, access to healthcare, and more. Young people are not oblivious to the world around them, it's affecting them and their families every day. If anything, young people today are more aware of what's going on now more than ever because access to information is at the tips of our fingers.

To start voting at a young age is to make voting a habit. High voter turnout and expanded eligibility to participate in democracy makes for stronger, healthier communities.

Join me in supporting HJR 20.