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I believe with every fiber of my being that young people are the future of this great nation. And that's why I'm proud to lend my support to HJR 20, a proposal to amend the Oregon Constitution and lower the voting age to 16 for state and local elections.

Now, some folks might say that 16 is too young to vote. But I disagree. I've been around a long time, and let me tell you, some of the most passionate and engaged individuals I've met have been young people. They have a fire in their belly and a fierce determination to make the world a better place. And we need to give them the tools they need to make that happen.

So, I say to you, let's do this. Let's lower the voting age and give our young people a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. It's time to step up and ensure that every Oregonian, has the opportunity to participate in our democracy.

We've got a lot of work to do. But I know that if we come together and support initiatives like HJR 20, we can build a brighter future for all Oregonians.