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As I write to you today, I am reminded of the power of democracy to shape the world we live in. As a former resident of Hyattsville, I have seen firsthand how young people can have a transformative impact on their societies when given the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. That is why I am proud to support HJR 20.

I understand that some may be skeptical of this proposal, but I believe that the benefits of lowering the voting age far outweigh any potential drawbacks. By giving young people a voice in the democratic process, we are investing in the future of our communities and empowering the next generation of leaders to create a better world for us all.

In Hyattsville, we have a proud tradition of youth engagement in politics, and I have seen firsthand the benefits of giving young people a seat at the table. When young people are engaged and empowered, they are more likely to be active citizens throughout their lives, contributing to the fabric of our society in countless ways.

I understand that there may be concerns about the readiness of 16-year-olds to vote, but let me assure you that young people are more than capable of taking on this responsibility. At 16, many young people are already working, paying taxes, and making important decisions about their future. By allowing them to vote, we are simply giving them a say in the decisions that affect their lives and their communities.

So I urge the Committee on Rules, to support HJR 20 and to show the world that you are committed to building a more inclusive and representative democracy. By empowering young people to participate in the democratic process, you are investing in the future of your state and your country, and creating a brighter tomorrow for us all.