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OPPOSE 2694

This Bill is just another attempt to push for adolescence to Vote before they are adults.

This is an obvious attempt to exploit our youth for other's political gain.

Please see this quote from an article from the American Academy of Child and Adolescence Psychiatry

“Based on the stage of their brain development, adolescents are more likely to:

act on impulse
misread or misinterpret social cues and emotions
get into accidents of all kinds
get involved in fights
engage in dangerous or risky behavior
Adolescents are less likely to:

think before they act
pause to consider the consequences of their actions
change their dangerous or inappropriate behaviors
These brain differences don't mean that young people can't make good decisions or tell the difference between right and wrong. It also doesn't mean that they shouldn't be held responsible for their actions. However, an awareness of these differences can help parents, teachers, advocates, and policy makers understand, anticipate, and manage the behavior of adolescents.”

This is obvious and why the voting age is 18.

At this point raising the age to 21 would make more sense: Children, young adults, and older are not maturing at the same rates as in the past which is why so many are not leaving home or supporting themselves.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

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