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While it's true that the adolescent brain may not be fully developed, studies have shown that 16-year-olds are more than capable of making informed decisions, especially when it comes to issues that affect their own lives and communities. Being a mother and grandmother does not automatically make you an expert on the issue. It's important to listen to the voices of young people who are affected by these policies and give them a say in the democratic process. Lastly, the opposition to HJR 20 is not based on any concrete evidence or logic. It's simply a knee-jerk reaction based on outdated beliefs about the maturity of young people. Let's focus on the facts and give 16-year-olds the opportunity to participate in our democracy.