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I understand the opposition's concerns, but let's not underestimate the intelligence and capability of 16-year-olds. They are old enough to drive, work, pay taxes, and even be tried as adults in some cases. It's only fair to allow them to have a say in the decisions that directly affect their lives and communities.

Moreover, your argument that teenagers' only source of information is social media is simply not true. Many young people are actively engaged in their communities and have a deep understanding of local issues. They attend school board meetings, volunteer in their neighborhoods, and participate in youth organizations.

And let's not forget that social media is not exclusive to teenagers. Plenty of adults rely on social media for news and information as well. Should we then disenfranchise all adults who use social media as their primary source of information?

It's time to recognize that young people are a vital and valuable part of our democracy. Lowering the voting age to 16 in Oregon state and local elections will help promote youth engagement and ensure that their voices are heard. Let's empower our young people and give them the chance to have a say in shaping their futures.