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On Behalf Of:
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I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL. The law states an adult is someone who is 18 years of age or older. Children are too easily swayed to participate in many different societal issues and norms such as "which gender am I?" They are children for a reason, they have not reached the age of 18 that re-classifies them as adults who are allowed to participate and be a part of the voting class. This voting class is largely composed of many different political parties in Oregon that actively participates in the electoral process. It seems teens have decided they are adults and because they pay payroll taxes (if employed) they and I mean all of them in the entire state are wanting the opportunity to vote in school board elections, which will be followed by them wanting to vote in all elections.

Some elections in contested districts are decided by very small margins, these margins are tight and can easily be changed by a "vote harvesting structure" within the high schools to put the person the kids want on the School Board, not the one the actual Property tax-paying adults would like to have. This opens the door to a monopoly by the special interest groups like Next Up Fund who would like to flood our voter rolls with 16 and 17 years old new voters.. The voter rolls in Oregon are a mess, the DMV Motor Voter Law has created a monster when it comes to political non-parties in Oregon. The NAV (Non-Affiliated Voter) party is now the largest political party in Oregon and is growing everyday. Currently sitting at 1.038 Million registered voters, this party is not a real political one. It has no structure, candidates, headquarters, it is sitting out there with 1.38 Million registered voters. It has a record of only about 45% of the registered voters, actually voting, compared to 70-80% for the 3 most populous political parties.

It's time for the adults to fix this issue once and for all. Vote No on lowering the voting age to 16 for any election, besides their student body one.

Are we going to lower the draft age to 16? How about when the law mandates the age of adult? No and wasting time on this, when this state has more pressing issues to deal with is crazy and shows Oregonians how bloated everything is in Salem.

Thank You
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