

Submitter: Katie Walker
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR20

I oppose.

With great power comes great responsibility. As a mother of 4, one of whom is a teenager, I can attest that children are not yet ready for this responsibility. They are growing, learning, and maturing. The privilege of voting demands the responsibility to be educated and informed of the matters in which you vote. 16 year olds are still engulfed in a world of friends, babysitting, obtaining a driver's license, and informing their moral compass. They are not prepared to participate in civic matters, but are learning how the process came to be and how it works. Rather than lowering the voting age, we need to be focusing on training in civics and improving our voter integrity.