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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3012

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules,

I am writing to testify in strong support of the Student Voice and Democracy Act, HB 3012, which will allow registered 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local school board elections, giving students a voice in their education and strengthening our democracy.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this - it's time to allow and nurture young people in DEMOCRACY - GIVE THEM A VOICE - teach them their vote matters!

So what they're young - we all were at one time and I wish there had been something like this for us. Too many Americans take our democracy for granted. It can be YOUR LEGACY to change that. Give them a voice!

Thank you for listening.