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Regarding: HB3012
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My name is Tracy Honl and I am a concerned resident over the bill to allow 16 and 17 year olds in Oregon to be given the right to vote in elections for school board.

In Oregon the age of majority is 18. At this age they ...

- may have control of their own life and decisions
- may have control of their own actions and business
- may have all the rights of a full-age citizen
- are subject to all the liabilities of a full-age citizen

A 16 or 17 year old may not ...

- enter into contracts or file lawsuits
- legally consent to sexual activities
- purchase a gun
- purchase alcohol
- purchase tobacco products

16 and 17 year olds run for and vote for members of their student body at school. This is where they learn about electing people who will represent them. In their classes they are learning about how government works, and hopefully, the importance of voting when they become an adult.

Please vote no on HB 3012 and give kids a chance to learn before being asked to make decisions they may not fully understand yet.

Thank you,

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