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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 Committee,

East County Rising Action Fund strongly supports HB 3012, which is the Student Voice and Democracy Act allowing, 16 and 17 year olds to vote in local school board elections.

As an organization focused on increasing civic engagement, we believe early involvement in the democratic process is key to building lifelong voters and leaders. HB 3012 aligns with our mission to create inclusive and engaged communities by giving students the tools to shape policies that affect their lives.

We urge the committee to pass HB 3012 out of committee and ensure young people's voices are heard.

Thank you, East County Rising Action Fund