

Submitter: Isabela Villarreal

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3012

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan and Pham, and members of the committee,

My name is Isabela Villarreal and I am submitting testimony in my personal capacity.

Students care deeply about their communities and giving them an active voice in their education is a positive investment in their academic success and development as a more civically engaged citizens. At age 16, students can legally drive, hold jobs, and contribute to our economic base by paying taxes. I strongly support prioritizing the opportunity for 16 and 17 year olds to be allowed to participate in our democracy.

I urge you to support the Student Voice and Democracy Act, HB 3012, and pass it out of committee.