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I'm providing testimony in support of House Bill 3012. My name is River and I live in Hillsboro. I am mother of teenagers who want to be more involved in local politics.

My kids often feel ignored and disenfranchised by the actions of their school boards. Even when they gather together to speak out the boards are comfortable ignoring them because the kids lack the ability to hold those board members to account. They are left to depend on their parents, despite the teenagers being the ones most directly impacted by the school boards' actions. Giving kids the ability to vote in their school board elections teaches the importance of democracy and the value of their vote.

Please pass the Student Voice and Democracy Act and help our kids learn the importance of democracy first hand.