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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1574

I strongly oppose SB1574.

Voting is typically reserved for individuals who have reached the age of maturity (typically 18). Adjusting eligibility for the primaries is inconsistent with that standard. Some 17 year-olds may not yet have the life experience or civic understanding necessary for participation in such candidate races or measures.

It is quite apparent that this legislative body is depending on enticing our children to help them pass legislation most Oregonians don't want. There is absolutely NO REASON to expect a child to vote with strong knowledge of any such bill or measure at the age of 17. Their brains aren't fully developed yet, ask any medical professional. The exceptional few does not give the proof to make this justified change.

NO to SB 1574.