

Committee members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the measure(s) above that would lower the voting age to 16.

The piecemeal nature of adulthood is becoming increasingly muddled; legal adulthood starting at 18, drinking age 21, firearms ownership at 18 (unless it is a handgun, then it is 21 as well), purchasing tobacco at 21, but possession at 18 is lawful. Perhaps a better way to include young people in society would be to grant them all of their liberties at 18, instead of literally allowing children to vote.

Additionally, granting a say to children on matters of taxation when nearly all of them are financially dependent on a parent or guardian is whimsical at best.

I urge the committee to recognize this idea for what it is: virtue signaling.

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