

Dear Chair Burdick and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I urge you to vote no on SJR 22 and SB 838, to lower the voting age to 16.

As a parent, I can assure you that at 16, none of my children were well versed enough to make a decision as important as voting. We require 16-year-olds to have a special provisional license to operate a car and there are limitations on who can be with them. We don't allow 16-year-olds to make decisions such as smoking or drinking. We don't allow 16-year-olds to enter into contracts such as vehicle purchases or home purchases.

Please vote no on these bills, this is not a reasonable idea for this age, instead, we should recommend that the election process is gone over in their civics classes in high school to prepare them for when they do turn 18 and get the privilege to vote.

Thank You,
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