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In recent years, we have seen young people across the country take to the streets to demand action on issues like climate change, gun violence, and racial justice. These young activists have shown us that they are not only engaged in the political process but that they have a deep understanding of the issues facing our country and are ready to fight for change.

Lowering the voting age to 16 would be a powerful recognition of the importance of young people's voices in our democracy. It would give them a say in the decisions that affect their lives and their futures, and it would help to build a more engaged and active citizenry.

16-year-olds can drive, pay taxes, be emancipated, work 44 hours per week, be charged criminally as adults, and dual enroll in community college. And 17-year-olds can enlist in our nation's military forces. They have been trusted with these rights, they have so many rights that people younger than them do not receive, and they work their asses off for success. I have raised 4 children and have been a foster parent for 26 years. I have met so many amazing and bright children. They deserve the right to participate in our state's democratic process.

I urge the full passage of HJR 20.

Urgently,  
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Father, Teacher, and Concerned Citizen.