

Submitter: Carol Scherer  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HJR20

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Re: Support for HJR 20 - Youth Vote Bill

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HJR 20, the Youth Vote Act.

My name is Carol Scherer, a supporter of Our Children's Trust, climate justice, compassionate communities and futures young people can believe in. I am 77 years old and a grandmother to many.

Meeting and communicating with high school students at events and in committee meetings focused on building a more just world, my heart is lifted. The students are engaged, their eyes light up with hope when receiving material and information to further educate themselves and they are eager to share with family members. Their knowledge and commitment often transcends those of my generation.

Many if not most young people, understandably, feel despair about their current environment and their futures and are depressed. "Action Is The Antidote To Despair" is a message we older people appreciate as a way to help alleviate our concerns. The Right to Vote is an action 16 and 17 year olds should be afforded, to have their concerns validated and addressed. It is a right afforded 16 and 17 year olds in countries throughout the world. It is just. It would help build a better future.

Please vote Yes on HJR 20 and give 16 and 17 year-olds the Right to Vote. Thank you.

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