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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: HJR20

As a community leader who values strong and effective governance, I stand firmly in support of HJR 20, which proposes to amend the Oregon Constitution to lower the voting age to 16 for state and local elections.

I believe that it is essential to engage young people in the political process and encourage them to become active and engaged citizens. By lowering the voting age, we can give young people a greater voice in shaping their communities, encourage them to become lifelong voters, and build a more inclusive and democratic society.

I understand that this proposal may face opposition, but I urge you to demonstrate leadership and courage in supporting it. It is essential to embrace change and take bold action to ensure that the voices of all citizens are heard.

I am confident that reducing the voting age will help to build a stronger and more vibrant Oregon for generations to come. It is our responsibility to ensure that young people have the opportunity to shape their own futures and contribute to the democratic process.