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I believe that it is critical for young people to have a voice in the democratic process. Democracy is not just about the right to vote, but also about the responsibility to participate in shaping the future of our communities and our society. Young people have a unique perspective on the world and often have a keen awareness of issues that affect their daily lives, such as climate change, education, and gun violence.

By lowering the voting age to 16, Oregon can give young people a greater say in the decisions that affect their lives. It would also encourage greater civic engagement among young people and help to build a more inclusive and diverse democracy.

I believe that Oregon has the opportunity to lead the way in the United States by lowering the voting age to 16. This would not only benefit young people in Oregon but also inspire other states to follow suit.

I urge you to support HJR 20 and to make Oregon a model for democracy and youth empowerment.