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DEAR SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE, YE WANTS TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO 17. IF YE APPROVE THIS, ARE YE GONNA LOWER THE AGE TO BE AN ADULT,BUY ALCOHOL OR IF THEY BREAK THE LAW, LET THEM BE TRIED AS AN ADULT? OUR OWN STATE DEPT. OF EDUCATION HAS STUDIES THAT SAID OUR TEENS ARE NOT MEETING STEM REQUIREMENTS, READING COMPETENCY IS DOWN AND MENTAL AWARENESS IS STILL BEING DEVELOPED AT 17. CAN A 17 YEAR OLD WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS BY DECLARING THAT THEY HAVE THE REASONING OF A LEGAL ADULT AGE PERSON DUE TO BEING ABLE TO VOTE? WOULD THIS VIOLATES THE 26TH AMENDMENT FOR THE LEGAL AGE TO VOTE OR THE OREGON CONSTITUTION? ARE YE GONNA ALSO ALLOW 17 YEAR OLDS TO BE ABLE TO GET A CDL SINCE WE ARE SHORT OF TRUCK DRIVERS? CAN WE ALSO ALLOW THEM TO OWN A FIREARM, BECOME AN EMT,NURSE,WORK IN THE TRADES OR RUN FOR STATE,COUNTY OR CITY OFFICE? SINCE 2010, YE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE HOUSE ESPECIALLY, SAID MANY TIMES THAT A TEENS MIND IS NOT COGNITIVE ENOUGH TO MAKE THESE TYPES OF DECISIONS. ARE YE RECANTING THE STATEMENTS YOUR BODY OF THE LEGISLATURE, THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF TESTIMONYS FROM NON PROFIT CHILDREN GROUPS, TEACHERS, CHILD PSYCHOLOGISTS, OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, FROM TESTIMONYS,WRITTEN AND SUBMITTED BY OREGONIANS? WILL BY LOWERING THE AGE TO VOTE TO 17 ALLOW CONSENTUAL RELATIONS, NULLIFYING STATUATORY RAPE LAWS FOR HAVING SEX WITH A MINOR? IS THIS ANOTHER DOOR THAT MAY CAUSE PARENTAL RIGHTS TO BE UNDERMINED AND DISRUPT A PARENT'S HOUSEHOLD? WHY ARE YE SO PUSHED TO MAKE THIS INTO LAW, YET OUR TAXES, \$17,000 SPENT PER KID HAS RESULTED IN 6TH IN EDUCATION SPENDING PLUS ANYWHERE FROM 46TH TO 50TH IN READING TESTING LEVELS ? IS THERE ENOUGH OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE HERE TO SAY THAT YE SHOULD TABLE THIS BILL? THANK YOU! SINCERELY RONNIE W. DANIELS