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Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, and members of the Committee on State and Local Government, my name is Maura Pillsbury from Freeport and I am a local elected official. I am submitting this testimony on my own behalf. I strongly support the ability of young people to engage in the democratic process and make their voices heard. Allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local municipal elections would allow them to learn about and participate in the democratic process at a young age, and develop a lifelong habit of civic engagement. I believe they should have the right to vote in local elections where the elected adults are making decisions about their schools and communities. Please support LD 1051 and vote Ought to Pass on this legislation.