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Dear Committee Members,

I am strongly opposed to LD 1051. I, at age 16, along with all my friends, lacked the maturity or the knowledge of my surrounding to vote responsibly. Children, still in school, are exposed to the viewpoints and beliefs of their teachers, some of whom have no qualms about hammering their own political dogma into a molding young mind. Best to let them mature a bit, 18 is young enough. If 16 is too young to choose to buy alcohol or cigarettes, or join the military without parental consent, it is damn sure to young to be involved in making decisions that apply to the entire population of a state. This proposal ought not to pass.