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I STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1446, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age. I believe that 16 is too young to vote. I know children of today think they are so mature and able to do things we were not able to do when we were young, but that is far from true. A 16-year-old back when I was 16, usually had a [part-time job or worked on the family business or farm. They were much more mature than the 16 y.o. today. Today they spend all their time on video games or texting their friends or searching the net. They don't know or really care about the world around them. Many don't have a clue about the election process or who runs the country. I don't think "Civics" is taught anymore. I doubt even Government is taught. They have no idea of what the structure of a state or the nation is made up of or how it runs. Even our current people in news don't understand the Constitution and what it really says. If we put that back into schools and a teacher who really knows it teaches the course, I would say OK. But that is far from the case today. Until we teach about our government to our children by the age of 16, this should NEVER be an option. Thank you for giving great consideration of the ramifications of this Amendment and voting OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1446. Thank you!