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As a resident of Rhode Island, House Bill 8046, should not move forward. Being a parent of three children, I know for a fact that 16-year-olds should not have voting rights on any issue. They are a captured audience that can be persuaded to vote in certain ways. They also have no way to earn a living and contribute to the town, so their right to vote should depend on their ability to earn a living. Parents are responsible for their children (not the state) , and the parents vote for the school board in their town.

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