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**To:** [Committee EM \(REPS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018  
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To: Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

To whom it may concern,

In response to the proposed bill, which recommends a change in age for those who are eligible to vote in Australian elections, I would like to express my opposition.

Majority of 16-17 year olds are taken care of by adults, who pay bills, provide for their needs and are responsible for their welfare. Young people, who haven't had an opportunity to consider all that's required to care for themselves, their families and their community, are not in a position to make choices which will affect wider community. Due to their limited life-experience, they do not have the required insight into what it takes to overcome major political, economic and social hurdles.

The proposed bill, if implemented, is bound to invite unwanted consequences and therefore it should be rejected.

16-17 year olds should NOT be allowed to vote!

Kind regards,

Elka Leibovitch

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