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**From:** Alex Koplin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 9:30 AM  
**To:** House Finance; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Calvin Schrage  
**Subject:** Support for HB 21-Pre-register voters 16 and up.  
**Attachments:** Support HB 21 preregister voters 16 and up.docx

Hello,

Please add this letter of support for HB 21 to the permanent record under the documents section. ( I also attached it)

Thank you,

Alex Koplin

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

I fully support HB 21, which allows 16-year-olds and older to pre-register to vote.

Eighteen states and Washington, D.C., permit pre-registration beginning at age 16.

Four states permit pre-registration at age 17, and Colorado allows it at age 15.

There are studies. [Sage Journals](#), [Circle](#), and [NCSL](#) cite their work on why preregistration can increase young people's civic engagement.

As a schoolteacher in upper grades for over 40 years, I believe pre-registration to vote allows students to be more fully engaged in conversations about voting. The eventuality of it is now real. We all learn better when we can relate real-world experiences to our learning. Having to fill out the voter application is novel in its own right. As voting is the cornerstone of our representative democracy, it should be a priority subject, and the earlier we can get this information to future voters, the better the outcome of having more prepared voters.

I strongly recommend that we pass HB 21 and provide greater clarity on a complicated subject with real-world implications.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Connie Akers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 9:36 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** HB 21 - VOTER PREREGISTRATION FOR MINORS (Written Testimony)

Allowing the preregistration of teens shortly before their 16th birthday is one of the most ludicrous propositions. The only reason this would be presented is that the same state representatives hope to lower the voting age to 16 at some point--either during this session or next year. Sixteen year olds are unable to think critically. They are ill-informed, easily manipulated by socialist/Marxist ideology, and have very little investment in the world. I do not trust them to make good decisions for protecting our freedoms, property ownership, secure elections, low taxes, or anything else of concern to hard working, adult Americans. This bill should never see the light of day, and the authors should seriously consider better ways to actually serve the best interests of Alaskans.

*Connie Akers  
Homer, AK*

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