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Pro Primary Proposal

Growing up in America, we are taught from birth that our ability to make decisions based on our vast and varied opinions is our greatest freedom. Children spend hours in school, learning about the ~~precious~~ privileges of Democracy, and the honor that will be bestowed upon them when they reach adulthood: the right to vote.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the magnitude of this right seems to have lost meaning for younger voters. This is the first election for which I'll be old enough to vote, ^{however,} ~~and for the first time~~ I will still be 17 during the Pennsylvania Primary.

I am indescribably excited that I'll be able to help shape the future of America this November, but am equally concerned that without a vote in the Primary, the candidate of my choice might not be on the ballot.

This Presidential Election is one of the most important and ground-breaking our Nation has ^{ever} seen, but if future voters are unable to get their foot in

the electoral door, by nominating a candidate in the Primary, they are likely to never enter the voting booth at all.

Don't let the fact that I'm not 18 overshadow my knowledge of the political process; instead let it reflect the mindset of other students like me, who's maturity and passion for government well outweigh their years. Highschool students that care about politics are fairly hard to come by, but those that are should not be denied what is arguably the most important of their "inalienable rights"; the ~~choice~~ right to influence their country, the right to change their future - the right to vote.