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Dear Senator Laine,

Thank you for presenting your bill SF 323, regarding automatic voter registration, to the Minnesota Youth Council Committee on April 21, 2017. We are very appreciative of your interest towards civic engagement. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to come present your bill to us. The Minnesota Youth Council Committee voted on and passed unanimously with 24 votes in favor.

There was overwhelming support from the MYCC for this bill. We believe that altering the registration process at the DMV will increase voter turnout across all demographics. It is essential to our democracy that people turn out to vote. We also appreciate your thoughtful discussion and insight into the issue of guardianship.

We have a few questions about the details of your bill. How will citizens be aware of the change from opt in to opt out? Although we believe many will find this accommodating, we believe it is essential that people be made aware of this change. We are curious as to how you will believe this bill will increase voter turnout. While we believe it is necessary that turnout is increased, we understand that some are wary of young people voting in higher numbers. It is important to note that youth have views across the political spectrum.

Once again, thank you for presenting SF 323. The Minnesota Youth Council Committee looks forward to seeing it pass. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Youth Council Committee



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