

**From:** Pamela Williams  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:41 PM  
**To:** Martin LaLonde  
**Subject:** Vote Yes on Bill 148

Dear Representative LaLonde,

As a professional educator and mental health professional, residing in Chittenden County, I am writing to urge you to vote YES on H148, Raising the Age of Marriage to Age 18.

This concerns legal rights; a child cannot retain an attorney, access domestic violence shelters or sign a lease for a rental residence.

We do not want Vermont to become the destination for child traffickers to further their control over their victims.

The potential for intergenerational trauma is high, with limits on access to support services only available at age 18.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and act upon this important protection of rights for young adults from potential harm and traffickers.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Williams