

### What My Vote Will Mean to Me.

In April of 2021, I will legally be allowed to vote. I will finally be able to exercise one of the most important American rights guaranteed to me by the constitution. However, with this privilege comes many responsibilities and attachments. The right to be able to vote means that I now have a valued voice in American society. This means that I now hold a small part of not only my future but the future of all Americans, young and old, and even those who aren't American. My voice will now be heard; this is the first true time my opinion will have an impact on so many. My opinions can be the deciding factor in electing a president who has the best interest of all humans, American or not, or electing a president who will not be beneficial to this great nation and will do a disservice to society.

My vote means I now am involved in politics and government. I can have a direct say on how my surroundings will be affected. My vote means a chance; a chance for change, a chance for progression, a chance for betterment and a chance for acquisition. More specifically, a change in government policies, progression in government ideals, betterment for society and all its members, and a chance for society to acquire assets and advantages previously unknown.

16<sup>th</sup> President Abraham Lincoln once stated "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters". Meaning it is the responsibility of the people to be active in elections, it is their responsibility to help quell the tensions and conflicts; but if the people decide to not advocate for change than they must be complacent in their efforts. To me this means I have the potential to be the light in the darkness and with the help of others, be a force of change. This is what my vote will mean to me.