

COUNTERARGUMENT PARAGRAPH

Acknowledgement  
\* of possible  
opposition

On the contrary, numerous people believe that the driving age should stay at 16.

Why do they deem this to be so? The supporters of the driving age remaining at 16 argue that they are comfortable with the current driving age and believe that it is not doing any harm to the community. Statistics show, however, that 16 year olds have higher crash rates than any other driving age ("Comparative Analysis of Crash Rates"). This clearly illustrates that keeping the driving age at 16 will cause more turmoil and burden on the society. It is also estimated that 16 year olds are three times more likely to die in a motor vehicle crash than the average of all drivers (Brennon and Lloyd). This alone proves that people who believe that the driving age should remain unchanged are fundamentally wrong. Another reason why some believe that the driving age should remain the same has a lot to do with convenience of transportation. The proponents argue that teens need a vehicle at 16 to get to school and other locations. Yet, why don't these students just ride the bus? Buses are provided for all student and are actively used by those who do not have their own car to drive or do not have any other means of transportation like family and friends. Also, if a child must go to another location besides school, he or she can receive a ride from a parent or an older sibling. In addition, many places offer public transportation such as bussing, carpools, and taxi services. Clearly, this supports the idea that if a 16 year old has a job, he or she does not necessarily need a license to drive a car to get there.

Anticipated  
objection (C1)

Rebuttal  
of C1

Anticipated  
objection (C2)

Rebuttal  
of C2

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\* Sum up - touch back  
on your argument