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Subject: Public Hearing Testimony - HB 6493

Dear Representative Fleischmann & Senator Gaffey:

A am strongly opposed to the passage of H.B. 6493, an act concerning regional school districts. This bill is a cynical attempt to stack the cards in favor of one town (Scotland) to dissolve District 11. The two remaining towns (Chaplin and Hampton) will suffer the consequences of dissolution by closing our beloved Parish Hill Middle/High School. The statute currently in effect, requiring a majority vote in all towns affected in order to dissolve a school district was written and passed precisely to prevent such a scenario whereby one town can change its mind about inclusion in a district, to the severe detriment of other towns.

Please do not support HB6493. The fast track process of passage for this bill is a transparent attempt to undermine reasoned, thoughtful determination of the consequences of maintaining OR dissolving District 11.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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