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Subject: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

To Whom it may concern,

As a single parent of **WILTON public school** students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

- We moved to Wilton in 2004 specifically for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. A single mom (as of 2010), I made the conscious choice to remain in Wilton for the education. It was NON-NEGOTIABLE.
- My children both have IEP's with my son's journey starting in the 3's program @Preschool Services where he received superb services and exceptional Speech therapy. I vowed I would not disrupt their lives or their education & would stay in Wilton.
- My son now has Type 1 Diabetes & Generalized Anxiety Disorder in addition to his Learning Disabilities. School regionalization would have profound effect on him.
 - The same would be true for my daughter who also has Generalized Anxiety Disorder & is currently being evaluated for numerous learning disabilities.
- None of these bills include even one mention of school quality
- These bills will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town
- I have major concerns about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.
- There is evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools. PLEASE!!!

Respectfully,

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