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

We are currently residents of Town of Wilton. The reason for us moving into Wilton was for the fame schools. We, and also our kids love our schools and the existing school quality is what keeps us here. The property tax of Wilton is high, I have to admit. When we first moved into Wilton, we found out there were no street lights on most of the local roads, even in the commuter train parking station, there was no lights(They eventually did it in last few years). Then we learnt that Wilton spend most of the collected property tax to schools, and that made our school great. So we are really happy about this.

So the purpose of regionalization is to save money and probably to bring up the quality of a lower ranking school system to a better level. I do not think it is going to work. This is the idea of socialism. Socialism will never work in a free world, everybody knows. If regionalization is bring down the school quality of Wilton, most of the family will move out. A lot of my neighbors work in New York City. They all expressed the willingness to leave if the school system is not keep us here. GE already moved out, and it made a lot of family moving out of CT. So what is the next idea of pushing people out?

Ever since GE moved out, Wilton is already suffering of a declining property market value. And a lot of family declared bankruptcy and abundant their home to the bank. Town of Wilton is also suffering from collecting property tax for the situation.

My name is, Sean Bi, a resident of Wilton. I oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Thank you.

Sean Bi

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