

Members of the Educational Committee:

I'm writing to express my strong disagreement with proposed SB 457/738/874. Concerning the forced regionalization of school districts, there is no empirical evidence that this will create the dollar savings that have been bantered around, and the dire consequences that many school districts would face.

I also want to express my deep concerns with SB 431. Though you may disagree with me, this reminds me of past tax cuts Republican Presidents and Congressmen passed that cut aid to states, thus forcing states to raise the taxes of their citizens to make up for the loss aid from the Federal Government. This will have the same impact on most local municipalities with the exception of the state's largest cities.

Just so you don't think this is a far right Republican writing, I am a registered Independent who votes for both Democrats and Republicans on local, state and national elections. I even support certain toll plans as long as there is a "lock-box." Please consider the consequences of these bills and vote "No" for forced regionalization (SB 457/738, Governor Lamont's SB 874) and oppose SB 431.

Respectfully,
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