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RE: SB 738
SB 457
SB 874

Attention: Education Committee Members

I strongly oppose school regionalization and proposed changes marked as SB 738, 457 and 874.

I was raised in New Haven and graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in 1978 (a school that looks far better now than when I graduated!). In the 70's a great education was available if students wanted it; I know mine was! I hope that is the same today.

From high school, I paid for my own college, worked hard, saved and to moved to Orange; an area specifically known for its schools. I refuse to pay for other's indiscretions and poor planning. I also refuse to lose value in my home because of regionalization.

The State of Connecticut has no track record of successful education or fiduciary policies. You cannot practice with our children or investments! Further, Connecticut taxes that I pay each year already fund schools in other districts.

Finally, Orange residents pay a significant portion of Amity's budget. How will Orange residents be compensated for taxes paid towards Amity High School's refurbishment? That was an investment that was made by all Amity constituents. Voting decisions to fund Amity were not made for just five or ten years but for a lifetime investment in our tri-town area and children. The State has no right to come in and take that away. Especially in the unlikely hope that it will solve other problems.

Stop spending!

Sincerely,

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