

I want this to be as clear as possible to avoid any misunderstanding. If SB 738 / SB 457 / SB 874 are passed, I will be moving out of the state of Connecticut. You will be losing more than my possible vote, you will be losing the tax revenue that my family contributes to this state.

While the state has been completely mismanaged, I will not carry that burden any more than I already have. Our taxes continue to climb, while the return that we receive has continued to diminish. Jobs flee this state, including mine, where my company moved from Stamford to New York City last year. While I do not wish to leave my house, I will absolutely move closer to my job if you take away the main reason for staying. I moved to Wilton for the schools. I stay because of the schools. If the quality of those schools suffers, as it will under these proposals, I will leave. I certainly will not accept a reduction in quality in exchange for a higher tax bill.

I am not alone on this as I am sure that you already know. The issue is simple. If these bills pass, the school systems suffer and I have no reason to stay in CT. In talking to other parents, they feel the same way. These people make up the majority of your tax revenue.

Do not proceed with these bills. I do not want to see a pilot program so some government statistician can claim success and push this legislation through. You are threatening the state's greatest asset in a misguided attempt to extract more money from people who will refuse to pay more. Votes are one thing, but I want you to realize that it will be more than my vote leaving.

Sincerely,
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