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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to bills SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874, which would force regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

As a former student of Connecticut public schools, I returned to the state 5 years ago with my husband to provide a top notch education to our young children. We considered our move to New Canaan an investment in their future. We appreciate knowing that our children, just 5 and 2 years old, will be educated in a nurturing environment, where individualized learning is understood and high achievement is praised.

I am deeply concerned about the future of our town's schools if any of the above mentioned bills were to be passed. I truly believe that eliminating or diluting local control will result in a lower quality education - the very same education that is currently the main draw of residents to our town and many others like it across the state.

I understand the fiscal crisis that Connecticut is facing, but I believe any solution to fix it should not come at the expense of one of our state's most attractive and cherished asset's - our schools. For that reason I ask for your support in opposing SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

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