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To: edtestimony@cga.ct.gov

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

To whom it may concern,

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

My family just moved to New Fairfield Ct, from Yonkers NY. We have 3 children in 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Yonkers moved away from 'neighborhood' public school. Children from one side of the city were sent to school on the other side of the city. It was a MESS. The schools are a MESS. The children and the parents have no vested interest in seeing 'their school' since it wasn't a reflection of where they live.

Parents push for high quality of their town schools, they push for services, and they push for results! They push, and get results, because the local town government has a vested interest as well. Town government has their children and grandchildren in the school system. Once the 'our school' drive is gone, the quality declines.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

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