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S.B. 738 AAC the Creation of Regional School Districts
& S.B. 457 AAC the Size of School Districts

Good Morning Senator McCroy, Rep. Sanchez, and distinguished members of the Education Committee,

Today I offer testimony in opposition to S.B. 738 AAC the Creation of Regional School Districts and S.B. 457 AAC the Size of School Districts.

These bills concerning forced regionalization have prompted quite the united outcry from my district. I have received many emails and expressions of consternation from constituents concerned about these bills affecting the quality of the schools we love and hope our children may attend for years to come. Many have even moved to the 135th district because of the quality school systems, and are concerned about their ability to stay if this quality is impacted.

Our towns have already been looking for more ways to be efficient and cost-conscious of the taxpayers' investment, and model significant shared services and costs. To name a few: a shared Superintendent, a shared high school, and purchasing some resources in bulk. We urge a better solution to consider cost-savings, efficiencies, and improving the equitability and quality of education across our State.

I look forward to staying engaged in this discussion to see what emerges from committee, but my testimony today is to ask you to listen to our constituents and to oppose S.B. 738 and S.B. 457.

Peace

Anne Hughes