

SB 457, SB 738, and SB 874

Dear Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874.

I am writing to express firm opposition to SB-457, SB-738 and SB-874. Substantial evidence points to the detrimental effects that this proposed regionalization program will have on educational programs, housing values and eventually the overall economy. Places such as MA and VT have tried this and are working to reverse the damage. Unfortunately, they probably had ambitious and good intentions that failed miserably once their plans were put into action. I'm sure you will be hard pressed to find UNBIASED evidence that such programs actually generate efficiencies or will help our students. Like many others you are hearing from, I support opposition to these bills and implore you to do the same. I will actively support and promote any political candidates, present and future, with the same values.

I encourage you all as elected representatives to come up with better and more equitable solutions to the state's budget issues and develop bipartisan, fair solutions that bring CT residents together versus continuing to divide people and towns.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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