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An Act Concerning the Size of School Districts

Response to Forced Regionalization of Connecticut School Districts,

I am writing to you to say that I am against a forced regionalization of school districts in the state. There are many reasons why this would not be good for towns. A few examples would be current buildings with debt service no longer being used but still having debt payments, the abandonment of buildings that would still need to be maintained, longer bus routes, loss of teachers, inability for some students that may want to play sports but teams are too full, and creating an overall cost sharing structure would be difficult. Also getting towns to agree on expenses or programs could prove difficult with several towns being in a region.

This sounds like a poorly thought out plan, likely a result of wanting to decrease state aid to towns which would be possible with regionalization. Something like this would likely push more people out of the state and be less attractive for people wanting to raise a family. Let's not make Connecticut even less attractive than it already has been.

Sincerely,

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