

I am writing to you to strongly voice my opposition to the above-listed legislative proposals. I am a resident of New Canaan for over 7 years and my husband and I chose New Canaan as a place to live in large part because of the excellent schools. My husband commutes 1.5 hours each way to NYC and I commute 40 minutes each way to work but we have always felt the long commutes were a trade we were willing to make to have our children in such a good school system.

I can't believe with all the fiscal issues that Connecticut is facing right now that the state would consider putting in jeopardy one of the few things that compels people who work in and around NYC to live in Connecticut - the schools. Not to mention the impact that this will have on the real estate market in Connecticut. If people do not feel they can trust that the school system will be excellent they will instead choose to live in surrounding states.

I am sure you know how important Fairfield county is in generating taxes for the entire state. In this moment of fiscal uncertainty in Connecticut I urge you to oppose these proposals that have the potential to further throw Connecticut into deep financial disarray.

Yours,

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