

I do **not** support the following 3 bills – SB 738, SB 457, SB 874.

My family moved to Connecticut 6 years ago – not because we are from here, not because we had family or friends that lived here, and not because our jobs brought us here. We moved to Wilton, CT because of the schools.

Forced regionalization would no longer make Wilton schools unique nor would Wilton remain “Wilton.” Should forced regionalization happen, our family will think long and hard about what's important to us and best for us. I suspect that means leaving Connecticut will be a real possibility. Not what we want for our children and certainly not what they want.

Sadly, my children (4<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) who have been embedded in this town and school district since preschool and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, who are thriving academically, and who have made many friends and positive connections within the Wilton community, will be the ones that suffer the most. They do not want to move to a new state and start all over. Unfortunately for them, the quality of their education comes first and with no family ties to Connecticut and jobs that can be successful in other states, there would be no strong reason to keep us here.

Sincerely,  
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