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Subject: SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 454/738. In all of my 43 years, this is the first time I have felt so strongly about a political issue that I am moved to take action. In 2010, my wife and I were looking to make a move from NY to Fairfield County. We wanted to purchase a home to raise our growing family in. The overwhelming factor that guided our search was the quality of the educational systems in each town.

We landed on Wilton because the school system is one of the top in the state and the home prices were such that we would be able to afford a modest house. Nine years later, we have 2 daughters in the Wilton schools who are eager and enthusiastic learners. They are inspired by their teachers each and every day and look forward to going to school.

I work very hard to be able to afford to live in this town. Due to the fact that Connecticut is trailing most other states in recovery of the housing market, my home is worth less than it was almost a decade ago when I purchased it. Combining our school system with Norwalk would have a further devastating effect on Wilton's home values that would result in many homeowners being upside down on their mortgages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely:

Mark Leopold