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To whom it May Concern:

I am writing this testimony as a parent in the Wilton School district to state my clear and strong opposition to SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

Thirteen years ago my husband and I made the decision to move to the town of Wilton to provide our children the opportunity to benefit from the wonderful schools in the district. We made this move despite the fact that we have struggled financially every single day to do so. We were and continue to be willing to make this sacrifice because we believe that the Wilton Schools provide an education with smaller class sizes, high level classes, and high quality teachers and administrators, that our previous school district could not match.

I fear that forced regionalization will negatively impact that quality of our districts education including but not limited to class size, teacher and administrator engagement, and community engagement. Our town and schools have tremendous community engagement, which will certainly be changed forever if we are forced to join with a much larger city with very different goals and concerns.

I implore you to appose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,
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