

I want you to know that I do not support SB 738, SB457 and SB878 that you are proposing. My name is Thomas Miner and I live in Wilton, CT.

We moved from Norwalk 22 years ago to Wilton, CT for many reasons. The main reason was to provide an excellent school system for my child. My wife and I both work full-time and saved so we could do this. The high property values in our area are a result of smart investments in education.

Our schools are some of the highest performing in the state. Why not learn why they are great here in Wilton and have a plan to pass it others who are struggling. Each community has it's own strengths. I taught in the Norwalk School system and found many things that were successful and many areas that were not. The weak spots in curriculum and city management were a few of the reasons for moving.

A few factors that you have not even addressed:

- Less time in the classroom and more time on the bus.
- Wasted taxpayer investments in new and newly renovated schools
- Potential new costs to build new schools to meet regional needs
- Dramatic increases in busing expenses for towns and cities
- Loss of teaching and administrative positions
- Loss of local control over schools
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I have noticed this in the past two weeks how many residents in this area have listed their homes. Taking a trip to Good Will you see a waiting line to get in to drop off items due to moving. How sad that if you continue to propose bills like this to ruin our community more people will run away. There will be no one to pay taxes. Work hard to grow our economy so this doesn't happen. I haven't seen any cuts, but just tax on tax to fix the problem. We need top notch financial people to help solve this problem.

As a registered democrat, I have seen the turmoil that this party is not afraid to throw at its people and I will no longer be a registered democrat after all this. Wouldn't the state of Connecticut like to see lines of businesses and new comers to the state rushing to get in here for a great thing?

In closing, I want you to stop SB 738, SB457 and SB878. I will continue to fight until these proposed bills are cancelled.

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