

Hello,

My name is Lauren Nedder and I'm a house-owning, tax paying resident of New Canaan. I am 100% against the three bills (S.B 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874) proposed. I will protest and vote against anyone who supports these bills in the future. Residents of New Canaan pay for these localized control of our schools. This localized control of a small region is the reason why we chose to live here and why we paid so much for our house. My husband is able to live wherever we would like due to being able to work remotely. If any of these bills are passed we will immediately sell our house here and move to a less expensive area and send our five children to private school. I have five other relatives in this area who will move as well.

Connecticut is already suffering from terrible taxation choices that have forced out big companies and Connecticut's top wealth. No wonder they are scrambling to make up for this poor state management policies. Yet this will only further destroy Connecticut. Take a look at New Canaan's real estate inventory? House values have dropped considerably hurting our house appraisal (we just got reappraised a month ago to our great dismay). Look at all the companies that have left Stamford? No one is moving here at present hurting all property owners. House sellers no longer put out for sale signs since the number of houses sitting stagnant on the market is so disturbing. What will these bills do to these expensive areas where people pay for these localized schools? They will leave!

We see what's happening and how Connecticut is being terribly mismanaged. Hopefully residents of Connecticut will wise up (wake up!) to voting these terrible policy makers out and realizing the immense (but hopefully not permanent) damage caused by socialistic, big government policies. I'm fully prepared to move just like many others I've spoken to in all these small regions that now pay for localized schools. I love Connecticut, lived here my whole life, but I will leave if it stops being the Connecticut I grew up in. I will do that for my children. And we will sue those who have hurt our property values as well, depriving us of our investment and livelihood with unfair policy changes such as this that guarantee house values to substantially decline.

What will New Canaan look like if these bills are passed? Our small-town, close community that we pay every cent for? How about those in government, instead of trying to take money where it's already being used by those who have paid for it, why don't they turn their focus to reversing the terrible policies that made huge tax-paying and job creating companies like GE to flee Connecticut! Those running Connecticut in the last ten years are the reason why Norwalk school systems don't have enough money to keep gym or libraries at their schools! It is not the fault of small localized school systems struggling as it is now with Connecticut's horrific policies taking wealth away from every community. Change those bad policies made and try to get those companies and top wealth earners that have left is great number back! This is their fault! Not the home owners who have stuck around just for these small school systems which they PAY for!!

I STRONGLY oppose bills S.B. 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874!

Extremely concerned, life-long resident,

Lauren Nedder