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**To:** edtestimony@cga.ct.gov

**Subject:** Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

As a parent of two young children, one currently in and one soon to enter the public school system, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

My family moved to Wilton from Norwalk two years ago specifically for the schools, and existing school quality is what will keep us here. I am concerned that none of these bills include even one mention of school quality. I am concerned about the potential impacts of larger class and school sizes along with decreasing administrator and community engagement.

Forced regionalization will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town. There is evidence that the threat of forced regionalization has already deterred people from coming to Connecticut and has made others decide to leave the state.

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

Sincerely,



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