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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senator Looney & Senator Duffs proposed bills PSB 738, PSB 457 and PSB 874, which would force regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Whilst I understand how economies of scale appear attractive from a fiscal standpoint, this bill attacks our most precious asset as a community and as a state - the quality of children's education. I made the conscious decision to move to Ridgefield so that my children would have the opportunity to receive a higher standard of education. My son is in 4th grade and has 25 children in his class, my daughter has 16 children in her class. The quality of the education they receive as a result of this disparity is apparent. My family hails from the UK, and comparatively we feel the general level of education in the United States is lower (not helped by such a late start), therefore if the standard of education declines for my children, we likely be forced to move back to England as I am not willing to gamble with my children's future.

Connecticut is already a state in crisis. I do not understand how you think that by moving forward with regionalization, this will have a positive impact bigger picture.

Regards
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