

Senate Bill 454 and 457
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To Whom It May Concern,

We are a Coast Guard family that moved to Old Lyme, CT in the summer of 2017. Having friends in this town, we knew exactly where we wanted to reside, in this amazing small town of Old Lyme. Our friends raved about the quality of the schools here and because they are small, it was a perfect fit! We moved here from huge schools in Fairfax County, Virginia. All three of my sons suffered with the over crowded school system. Class sizes were huge and their needs were not met on any level! We were on the verge of homeschooling until getting orders to come here. Since moving to Old Lyme, our sons have flourished and they absolutely love the small local schools! In fact, we have lived around the country and these schools have by far been our best educational experience!

My husband is nearing the end of his military career and we had plans to settle here in Old Lyme. We bought a house and have all adjusted extremely well for the first time in many years. If these two Bills pass, you can count on us moving out! I will not subject my children to large over crowded schools again. These Bills are extremely concerning to myself, and many others in this town, and I fear the impact it will leave in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Traci Russell
A Concern Citizen