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Testimony in opposition of  
S.B. 457, 738, 874  
Education Committee  
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Chairmen Sanchez, and McCrory, Ranking Members McCarty and Berthel and distinguished members of the Education committee, I am in opposition of **Senate Bill Number 738: An Act Concerning The Creation of Regional School Districts, Senate Bill 457: An Act Concerning the Size of School Districts, Senate Bill 874: An Act Concerning Education Initiatives and Services in Connecticut.**

As the representative for the 123rd District, this issue affects my constituents greatly. We in Trumbull take great pride in our school system and the achievements of the students. This has resulted in a migration of residents to Trumbull and the sustainability of our property values, our school system is important to our city's development and infrastructure. The forced regionalization of school districts is putting that development in jeopardy.

The opportunity to regionalize should be up to those in each school district. If they feel that it is appropriate and effective to combine with another neighboring district, than that should be their own choice, not something forced upon them by the state. We seek to retain our control over our own school districts and the success of our students. When we put our students above all, forced regionalization is not beneficial and a violation of our rights.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in front of the committee on this. Please acknowledge the severity of this issue and the unintended effects it may have upon the quality of education provided in our state.