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To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent of 3 Wilton public school students, 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.

We moved to Wilton 5 years ago from New Jersey specifically for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here.

None of these bills include even one mention of school quality and these bills will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town.

I have serious concern about the potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.

I also have concern for the quality and availability of the special education services that my children benefit from and need in order to thrive in the public school system.

In a time when the CT economy is in such a state of crisis, we cannot afford to have another reason for people to leave CT AND not want to move to CT. This is happening already. This will not improve the failing CT economy that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT

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.

Regards,  
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