

Dear Committee,

I would like to take the opportunity to add my voice to the growing numbers of those opposed to any and all school district regionalization bills (specifically SB738, SB457 & SB874). Seven years ago my wife and I moved to Wilton in anticipation of starting a family. We chose Wilton primarily for the quality of schools, knowing we would want our kids to be raised, as we had been, in a strong public school system. In the years since (and two children later), despite increasing taxes and less overall economic opportunity in the area, we have stayed in Wilton because we love its community. As these bills work their way through the legislature, the community that we have come to love is rushing to the exits. I work remotely for a company based in Florida, and we can live where we choose. Twenty years ago, perhaps you could introduce such a bill and be confident that people would stay through it. Work is mobile today, and people are preparing to leave. We are preparing to leave. I implore you to put this matter to rest once and for all in hopes that people settle down and we can keep our community together. From a registered independent's perspective, those left behind will vote those that support these efforts out of office. Please, for everyone sake, remove this matter from consideration and move onto other far more effective ways of fixing this states economic woes.

Sincerely,
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