

Testimony for Public Hearing
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Opposition to SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

As a parent with two (soon-to-be three) young children, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 as well as any other bill that opens the door to regionalization of our Connecticut Public Schools (whether by force or by withholding incentives).

My husband and I moved to Connecticut for the quality of life and most especially our school systems. I understand the precarious fiscal condition our state is in, however there is much evidence from other districts across the United States (as well as in Connecticut) that demonstrates the cost savings from such an effort are minimum to none. Additionally, the most cost-effective districts tend to have fewer than 5,000 students. Targeting the smaller districts in essence does not make sense.

In order to have a continued draw of young families to Connecticut, I think it is imperative that we maintain the quality of our schools. Regionalization will diminish many of the positive attributes we find throughout our school systems.

I urge the Committee and Connecticut lawmakers to oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874.

Thank you for your time,

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