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To: edtestimony@cga.ct.gov

Subject: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

Members of the Committee-

I am writing to express my objection to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 or any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools. As a parent of two young children in the Wilton Public School system, I am highly concerned about the negative impact these bills could have on the quality of education that our children receive.

We moved to Connecticut in large part due to the quality of the schools, and to date, have been happy with the experience our daughters have. One of our daughters spends time each day with a reading specialist, which is providing significant benefit for her. My other daughter receives both Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy several times per week at school for hypotonia. I am concerned about how these types of services could be impacted or reduced as an intended or unintended consequence of these bills. Right now, our school board and town administrators are empowered to make decisions about our town's schools, ensuring that the schools meet the needs of our local community. Under these bills, the loss of local control could have huge negative impacts.

I urge you to abandon SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad