

Testimony on SB 738, 457 and 874

February 28, 2019

To the members of the hearing committee:

I thank you for your time in reading my testimony. My name is Sonal Vats and I am a mother of public-school students in Wilton CT.

I urge you to vote “no” to regionalization of public schools.

I have a PhD in Economics, and I approached this problem as a research project to understand the impact of forced regionalization on schools. One line conclusion of my research is - regionalization has the potential to destroy quality of public school education. Which is also evident for the fact that none of the proponents of bills make any mention of the impact on school quality.

Quality of public-school education is the only reason for us to live in this state. My husband commutes two hours every day so that we can give our kids a quality school system.

I am already telling my friends not to move to CT, and we are seriously considering leaving CT. We will definitely move if this bill becomes the law.

I urge you to say no to forced regionalization of schools.

Please contact me if I can be of help in the future on this piece of legislation.

Respectfully,

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