

Regarding Bill #457

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Dear Education Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the legislative proposal for Bill 457. I am the Board of Education Chairperson for the Town of Hartland. Our town would not meet the proposed student population of 2000. I am submitting my written testimony and want to express that I am absolutely not in favor of the regionalization of school districts. Education is extremely important and the services provided for the students of any particular town should be the decision of that town only. I do not believe that anyone outside of the district should be making these decisions. I do not believe that a superintendent will be able to do an effective job if they are forced to oversee more than their own school district. Students will be forced to have extended bus rides and in some cases will not be able to stay after for school assistance given the distance they may be from their home. People move to towns because of the community and the school district. By taking this away from the residents they will no longer feel as though they have involvement in the education for their children.

I do not support these bills and ask that you vote against them.

Sincerely,

Pam Weber

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