

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this since I couldn't read this testimony at Hartford when public hearing happens on March 1st, 2019.

As a Wilton resident, I am firmly against three proposed bills, including Senator Martin Looney's SB 738, SB 457, and Governor's bill SB 874. My point of view is, and I believe it is shared by majority of the Wilton residents, these three bills will not bring any benefits to us. Instead, they will harm our children's education, our properties, and our dreams.

My family moved to Wilton in 2011 before my children were born. As a Wilton resident, I am proud of the existing school system and it was the only reason my family decided to move here and it is the only reason to keep us here. Unfortunately some of my friends already stopped considering to move here because of the proposed bills. This is a land of hope and freedom. Forced consolidation or regionalization will not bring efficiencies and cost savings, it will bring chaos, confusions, and frustrations. In the long term, our economy will be hurt if people stop moving to Wilton or even Connecticut.

People in Hartford, please keep your hands off Wilton's school. I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874, and any other legislation that opens a door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Best regards,

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