

Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874.

In my opinion as a new homeowner, tax payer, and voter , cutting or restricting funding to schools to any degree is an absolute shame and completely un-American. It is saddening to think that our elected officials think our children should pay the price and make sacrifices for the mismanagement of state funds. Letting our small towns' schools fall into disrepair instead of working with school districts to clean up the problem cannot honestly be our best solution. Please, I urge you, for the well being of my two siblings who attend Griswold Public Schools, as well as other children from small towns- find another solution. Get creative. Don't re-invent the wheel if children are the ones who will be affected.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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