

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Katherine Amato and I am a concerned citizen in regards to the regionalization of schools, specifically SB 738, SB 457, and the governor's bill 874. I urge you to strike down these bills and vote no to regionalization. I am a mother of four and my husband and I have worked extremely hard to move to a town that has a great school system for our children. We recently moved to Woodbridge and chose to pay taxes in this town because of its emphasis on education and the high reputation the Amity school district has. Amity is already regionalized but this new plan based on Probate maps would tear our wonderful community apart. It would hurt home values and place the three towns that are currently together in different regions. It would penalize the community of Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany that already has a natural connection and great relationship with each other. Unfortunately I feel this plan does not think about the tax payers and their children who we would hope one day will stay and thrive in this state - it will only hurt the reputation our state has for exceptional education and make people flee faster than they already are!

Please put it on record that I, Katherine Amato, strongly urge you to strike down this bill and vote no for regionalization.

Thank you,
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