

Regarding Bills: SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874

Chairman 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.

I grew up in Bristol, changing to Catholic schools after experiencing k-6 in the public school and my husband grew up in Winsted, Ct attending first public and then both private school. We are both teachers, and we carefully selected the beautiful town on Harwinton more than 14 years ago to have our 3 beautiful children who would enjoy this fantastic school system. We love the small hometown feel for our growing family. We have always been exceptionally pleased with Region 10 and the services our children received there. My children are in 8th, 6th, and 1st grade in town.

We live 7 minutes from both schools by car. When driven by bus, this short car ride becomes a 45 minute bus ride. I cannot imagine my children attending a school at a farther location, thus increasing this already distant ride.

Harwinton is a beautiful community. We love to see our neighbors at school events. This would be impossible under the proposed redistricting plan.

Please keep Region 10 as it has been.

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

Sincerely,

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