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State of Connecticut, Legislature

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Subject: Do not approve Bill 738, "An Act Concerning the Creation of Regional School Districts"

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express concern over bill 738, "an act concerning the creation of regional school districts" and to urge a "no" vote. Two points;

First; it is not responsible to set such an impactful and possibly irreversible course of events in motion without *detailed* estimates of the costs and benefits of this legislation. The matter should be deferred until such a time that data can be gathered, presented, and vetted by both the affected communities as well as third party experts. Only at that time can a truly informed decision be made.

Second; in Canton it seems highly unlikely the alleged benefits will out way the costs and/or overcome intangible losses associated with regionalization. A "broad brushed" approach to force districts together, where perhaps it may make sense in other rural communities, is not responsible and will not yield significant savings.

Respectfully,

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