

# Connecticut General Assembly

## Committee on Education

Public Hearing March 1, 2019

**Proposed S.B. 738**

**AN Act Concerning the Creation of Regional  
School Districts**

My Name is John Chunis. I live in Rocky Hill Connecticut. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975.

I **Oppose** this bill.

Regionalization of school districts should not be mandated by the state. Small towns should have the choice to merge their schools if they so choose which is currently permitted. There are numerous regional schools in Connecticut already. Mandated regionalization takes control of education away from the individual towns and just creates a state bureaucracy.

This bill creates a new State Commission, which just makes state government bigger, with added costs, added red tape, more cronyism, and higher state taxes to fund. Local towns lose control of how they want their children educated.

Bigger does not equate to better and reduces the ability of people to make changes in a changing environment. This is contrary to democracy and liberty.

Please vote **NO** on S.B. 738

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments.

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