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Referenced Bills:

SB 874

SB 738

SB 457

I am thoroughly against the above referenced bills proposed by Gov Ned Lamont (SB 874), Sen. Looney (SB 738), and Sen. Duff (SB 457). I think imposing these bills will be destructive to not only my town but the state as a whole. The way the state has been run in the past has allowed many companies and along with it jobs over the past decade. This bill would no doubt push people to leave the state and prevent people from moving here as well.

My wife and I moved to Wilton to have our 2 kids grow up in a great public school that we would be close too. We weighed the cost of higher living expense to live in great town like Wilton so we could be close to schools. Any type of merging with Norwalk would hurt the main reason we moved to Wilton. We could be further away from the schools my kids would be attending, my higher taxes would go to paying for Norwalk kids' education when Norwalk residents pay less in taxes, and this would undoubtedly push people to move out of the town and break the relationships we have built with my kids new friends.

I beg you to not allow these bills to be passed for my state, my new town of Wilton, and my family. I grew up in Connecticut and makes me upset how much the state has fallen apart. I never thought the states inability to keep jobs and people would be the reason for me to consider leaving the state for good.

Sincerely,

Kevin DeBowes