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To Connecticut State Representatives,

On behalf of myself (William P. Frank), my wife (Lauren B. Frank), and my family, I am writing to voice our opposition to State Bill Proposals 457, 738, and 874. We live in New Canaan, CT and have three young children who have not yet reached the age for kindergarten. My wife and I are both from Connecticut originally. Three years ago, we moved from New York City to the small town of New Canaan, CT specifically because of the quality of public education and a school system that emphasizes local control and influence of the parents. We had planned to raise our family in Connecticut. While we would applaud rational measures like coordinating purchasing across school districts for better pricing, the concepts of regionalization proposed in these bills runs counter to our entire educational philosophy. We cannot state strongly enough how important this is to us. Frankly, given Connecticut's fiscal status, trends in increasing taxes, and the myriad other problems facing the state today, the local education system is one of the few things that keeps us interested in raising our family here. Lauren and I both work in flexible jobs and have the good fortune to be able to choose where we live. Should bills like these pass the state legislature, I am confident we would re-think our decision to raise our family in Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration,
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