

I am writing to submit my testimony in opposition to Bill 457 and Bill 738. Forcing school districts to become regionalized without considering the individual needs of those communities would create a host of new problems.

Students would be spending considerably more time on buses, especially where the proposed districts compose a large area. This means less time at home, and less time in the classroom.

Towns would suffer financial losses if recently updated schools go unused. Jobs would be lost in the form of teachers, para professionals, and other staff. It would also lead to even more overcrowding in classrooms. All of these things would lead to the decrease in the quality of public education in our state.

Encouraging towns to share resources is a more worthy goal. Forcing school districts into regionalized districts is unfair to the unique needs of towns, schools, and most importantly students.

I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 457 and Bill 738.

Sincerely,

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