

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission regarding Proposed Bill 457 and 738. I wholeheartedly do not support the passing of either of these two proposed bills. This state has many small towns and school districts. These towns are flourishing and their schools are too! Small school districts are gems to our state! These schools offer students a wonderfully enriching and quality education in their local small towns. The towns support their schools and I am not sure why our State won't do the same.

I understand the State has mismanaged funds and has a serious spending issue, but these two proposed bills will not fix anything! These proposals will cripple small towns and hurt families!

The committee should be looking more into special education laws mandates and reforming them to make them reasonable. The committee should be looking at districts who are seriously spending more than the State average per pupil and forcing changes there. The committee should be penalizing under performing schools. The committee should be looking into teacher retirement and ending them. The State needs to be looking at all employee retirements and ending them.

Penalizing wonderful small schools and small towns is NOT the answer. Support our schools and our kids! We have many larger districts who do not perform well and that is where the committee should be focusing their efforts. Don't penalize schools that do perform well and also are within the state averages as far as cost per pupil. PLEASE do not pass these proposals. Thank you.

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