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I am writing in regards to the following proposed bills:

S.B. 874 - AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT

H.B. 7150 - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION

S.B. No. 457 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

S.B. No. 738 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

A year and a half ago I moved from the larger district of Torrington, CT to Canton, CT because I wanted and needed a smaller school district for my children. I have a child at Canton Intermediate and one at Canton Middle School. Canton is a wonderful district, and because of its size is able to meet the needs of its students much better than the larger district I loved from. As an educator I know and understand the importance of class sizes, educators and a supportive and responsible local board of education and board of finance. Parents such as I who have chosen to live in smaller towns because of the school systems have not made these decisions lightly, and it would be a great disservice to our children if they were regionalized.

Thank you,
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