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The Honorable Representatives of Connecticut

I've been a resident of Connecticut for the past 17 years and during that time, I've enjoyed raising my family in this attractive and convenient part of the tri-state area. My children have had a very strong education thus far. They enjoy their challenging schoolwork (mostly) and they are looking forward to attending one of the best high schools in the nation in the next year. Therefore, we are extremely concerned about the forced regionalization proposals that are under discussion. If our schools in New Canaan are forced to regionalize and lose local control of the management of the district, there is absolutely no upside to our children, our community and our state. I ask you, why would a family choose to live in Connecticut if not for the quality of the education that their children would receive? There are options in the tri-state area and elsewhere in the country that would provide easier commutes to jobs, lower taxes and better costs of living than Fairfield County. The excellence of the schools in this area is that one, shining and compelling attribute that will tip many house-hunting families in Connecticut's favor. It is perhaps the state's most valuable and important asset, driven mostly by the local controls and the community inputs. To impinge on the quality of our schools to save money is profoundly short-sided and will be ruinous to this state and our community. I implore you to look elsewhere in the pursuit of efficiencies.

Regards,
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