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Good day members of the Education Committee,

I apologize for my inability to attend today's hearing in person. I am writing to indicate my family's support of SB 738 regarding school regionalization. Regionalizing our districts serves two extremely important aims: reducing racial segregation and lowering administrative costs of running a district. A regional district does not end your neighborhood school, which I understand is important to everyone. Individual schools make up the community of a district, not a remote central office. Moreover, as someone who has lived with Sheff (and has friends who are the original plaintiffs), we have done nearly nothing to address that segregation based on town line-delineated districts. This is a meaningful and less costly solution than what we have been doing. We understand that Simsbury would be affected by this bill. We like the towns around here and would love to share schools with them. 169 fiefdoms in 2019 is just silly.

Very truly yours,
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