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Education Committee

Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on **SB 457, 738 and 874**.

My husband and I live in Darien, and have a kindergartener in the Darien Public Schools, and a preschooler. We are strongly against forced regionalization, which would essentially take away our reason for living in Darien. My husband and I chose Darien because of the excellent locally run public schools. Our school board is operates in a fiscally sound manner, and makes decisions based on what is best for our population. There is no need to change this.

Connecticut's high taxes are, for us, palatable because we feel that we are investing in an excellent education for our children. If these bills become law, we would lose the biggest motivator for keeping us in this state. I suspect I am not alone.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony on SB 457, SB 738, SB 874. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Martin