

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, Tom, and myself regarding our **opposition** to the proposed bill to regionalize the Simsbury Public Schools - Bill Numbers SB 457, SB 738, and SB 874. We moved to Simsbury in 2015 from the Philadelphia area due to Tom's job. As a registered nurse, I am not the bread winner and can take my skills anywhere. We absolutely loved living there, the area had so much to offer, and we really would have liked to have stayed there. After extensive research, we decided to move to Simsbury for a variety of reasons, with the first and foremost being their excellent schools.

After researching the school regionalization, we are concerned about the negative impact it will have on our kids' education. The state control of our schools takes away our voices and influence on the town in which we live and pay our taxes. We live less than a mile from our elementary school so why bus our kids to a school much further away? We will not stand for this. It is blatantly obvious the politicians are not concerned about what is best for our kids' education and future. People are leaving this state in droves, it will only get worse by regionalizing our schools, adding to the state's budget crisis.

We already lost a substantial amount of money on our previous home that was purchased during the housing market bubble. We do not wish to have that happen again. If schools are regionalized, what is the politicians' plan to reduce our property taxes to coincide with our decreased property values? We fear our schools will be run like the State of Connecticut runs their Department of Motor Vehicles. This is our kids' future you are talking about!!!!

Again, we are **strongly opposed** to the regionalization of the Simsbury Public Schools!!!!

Thank you for your time,

Tom and Erin McCabe