

Comment addressing bills SB 457, SB 738, and SB 874.

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, SB 738 and SB 874.

As a resident and parent in the town of East Granby, I ask you to not pass the aforementioned bills. While I support school regionalization, I do not support forced regionalization because it ignores the complexities of regionalization and fosters decisions based on finances rather than what is best for children. I believe these decisions should be made by the individual towns and only after careful consideration of the effects of these decisions. I do support incentives for elective regionalization but not support penalties for failure to do so.

Thank you again for reading my written testimony.

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