

My name is Jeffrey Smith and I am writing in connection to the recent bill proposals: bill 454/738 and bill 457. As a resident of Connecticut I trust that you will take the time to read and consider my view.

I would also like to understand your decision to propose and/or support the bills named above. Can you please provide the intended purpose of these bills in your own words? I have read them myself; however, I wish to ensure I understand your viewpoint so as there is no misunderstanding.

As we are both residents of Connecticut and you have taken it upon yourself to serve in a public office, I appreciate that we both share the passion to make Connecticut better.

That being said, I am deeply disappointed in the bills named above as I currently understand them as a way to reduce costs for the state of Connecticut; however, nowhere in these bills have I read a mention of the interest in the children that this will impact. This lack of consideration for the children of our state is very alarming. Additionally, as a licensed CPA in Connecticut I saw no data or facts included that support the position and demonstrate how the intended outcomes in these bills would be achieved in the near or long term.

I have a unique experience as I grew up in one of the larger towns (Norwalk) and just this past year my family decided to move to one of the smaller towns that will be consolidated (Wilton), for our son, Winston, and our growing family to go to school here.

I am opposed to the bills named above and would love to discuss as I understand that we both share the passion to make Connecticut better.

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I've also attached the letter from the Wilton BOE to the State Education Committee, below in italics, as they explained my viewpoint better than I.

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All the best,
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