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Re: Opposition to Bills SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Wilton, CT since 2004, and a parent of two children in Wilton Public Schools, I strongly oppose Bills SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874.

I have grave concerns about forced regionalization of schools as there is no evidence that it leads to cost savings and none of these bills mention anything about school quality. I live in Wilton, CT for two reasons: the public school system and the small town community. I have always supported my town's budget, whose costs are predominantly driven by the school budget, and I have no desire to be a part of a larger regionalized school district. I have two children with IEPs and they are best served by attending a public school district that is managed locally.

The quality of education in Wilton is high and that has a positive impact on the town's reputation. Neither of these aspects should be compromised by forced regionalization. The Connecticut budget crisis was not created by the schools therefore forced regionalization should not be an avenue for fixing the budget.

Please oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and let Wilton manage its public schools as they have done successfully for many years.

Sincerely,

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