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To Whom It May Concern,

While I have always respected the decisions of those running our state, I would like to express my extreme dissatisfaction with Governor Lamont's budget bill (SB 874) which proposes the concept of forced regionalization of small districts, along with Senator Looney's bill (454/738). As a School Psychologist, I fully support decisions that would better our schools and the future of our children, however there is little to no data to suggest that this would prove beneficial to our state. As a mother of two young children, I would like to continue to have the right to choose the school district (large or small; urban or suburban) where my children receive their education, even if that means I choose to live in a town with higher mill rates. I support other measures to improve fiscal efficiency or shared educational resources, however I am in full opposition of regionalizing school districts. Longer commutes and higher transportation costs would not prove beneficial to my children's education, not to mention the impact on extracurricular sports and activities. Please reconsider this proposal, as our future leaders do not need to be pawns in this financial experiment.

Sincerely,

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