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To the Committee:

As a taxpayer and parent, I write in support of S.B. No. 738.

It is no secret that our state faces significant budgetary challenges, which will require hard choices about taxes and services. Therefore, I think we can all agree that opportunities to achieve cost savings without reducing the quality of services should be given the highest priority. The possible regionalization of Connecticut's public schools provides one such opportunity and, as such, merits serious study. We should avoid buzzwords like "local control" and instead engage in a careful, evidence-based analysis of the pros and cons of regionalization. S.B. No. 738 proposes to do just that, and should be promptly enacted.

Respectfully,

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