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Subject: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

I am Yan Xue from Wilton, Connecticut. Here is my testimony:

As a parent of Wilton public school students, I **strongly oppose** SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

We moved to Wilton for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. I didn't think the bill to regionalization of Public School will ultimately save money given the costs of combining resources. Meanwhile, these bills and regionalization will drive people leave Connecticut. Ever since this bill announced, Wilton is already a "cold" area, and nobody wants to move in. Because people all concern about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc. That means if this bill pass, most of family will have to move out of Wilton, or just move out of Connecticut to seek for a better-quality school. You won't even have current amount tax as revenue. Instead, you will have empty houses, bad public-school system cross over the entire state. If this bill pass, you will loss a huge number of residents in Connecticut which will dramatically decrease your revenue from tax. School regionalization will be the first bar to start domino reaction, which will mess up the entire Connecticut economic systems.

Just like most of the families in Wilton, I moved here and willing to pay higher property tax just because I clearly know what I paid is going to contribute to Wilton public school. Public school is the only asset that Wilton has. It is same to most of small towns, such as Ridgefield, New Canaan. School regionalization plan is not a cost saving plan but will damage currently good public school by sharing their resource.

Please "Hands of the school"! Please drop off bill **SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874** and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

Regards

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