

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing to ask you to oppose SB-874, AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT for the following reasons:

Language in Sec 17 of SB-874 proposes a change to the requirements of a parent who provides home instruction to school aged children, making it a requirement that the parent personally appear annually at the school district office and sign a registration form indicating that such child will receive home instruction. This proposal is an overreach of government on my parental rights and appears to serve no purpose for our state.

Any district regionalization, whether it be forced or voluntary, incentivized or not will have an adverse impact on the quality of our local school district. My family moved to our current town of Wilton for the schools, paying a significant premium in doing so as well as sacrificing time and money in order to commute to NYC. US News and World Report's Best High Schools 2018 ranking of American high schools ranked Wilton High School number 10 out of 215 high schools in CT and number 439 out of 20,500 high schools. We would like to continue to live in a community with these impressive school rankings.

I urge you to oppose this bill now.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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