

Date: February 28, 2019

RE: **Senate Bill 457**
Senate Bill 738
Governor's Bill SB 874

Dear Rep. Devin Carney,

I am a public educator in Region 18 and a concerned citizen. I would like my voice to be heard to recognize that **I do NOT support Senate Bill 457, Senate Bill 738** nor do I support **Governor's Bill SB 874**. I feel strongly that local jurisdictions should have the authority to determine what is best for their communities, including educational decisions, without penalties and reprisals from bureaucracies in Hartford. In today's political climate the citizens' voices are drowned out by the machine of the policy makers for reasons that are not made apparent nor make sense to the average person. These Bills enact a move towards Big Government that silences regular voices of the people. I have worked in big districts and left them because the 'system' was too big to make a difference in. As a special education service provider in a big district my caseloads were unmanageable. The workload was unrealistic, unimaginable, and made all my colleagues miserable in their work lives and personal lives from dealing with broad-stroke district policies that were too mammoth to challenge and too impersonal to make anyone care. These Bills **Senate Bill 457, Senate Bill 738 and Governor's Bill SB 874** are not good for the student, not good for the educator, not good for the homeowner, nor the taxpayer, and not good for the communities. I think we need to be cautious in this political climate in proposing homogenizing policies that look more and more like socialist agendas. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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