

To : Clerk of the Education Committee  
From: Sabrina Bell, Wilton, CT  
Date : February 25, 2019  
RE : **SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 – no to all**

Dear Education Committee,

As a 26 year old living in Wilton, I look back on my years in the Wilton School System as precious. My closest friendships were forged here. The education was superior, and the programs fantastic.

I went to UConn and met dozens of other students with similarly positive experiences across a wide variety of towns in Connecticut. We felt part of our schools and towns in ways that regionalization could only damage.

For reasons that escape me, there are three bills in place to muck up a system that works. Why is this even being considered? What is the point? Aren't there more important things to worry about, like how to make sure we have great jobs for young people? This will not attract businesses to CT; it will keep them away.

Not to mention, these students, who already have to spend the entire day sitting, will now have hours of extra commute added on to their day. How can they begin to create friendships and socialize when the bulk of their free time will now be spent commuting? Do we really want to decrease these options for kids who already spend way more time engaged in technology than the real world?

Please know that I am very concerned with the welfare of those less privileged than I. This is not the way to fix those issues, if that is one of the reasons for this chaotic effort to level the playing field.

I am sure that the Education Committee will make the right decision by simply halting these bills in their tracks.

Thanks in advance,

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