

Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty and esteemed members of the Education Committee , thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874.

As a parent of two 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 in 2006 knowing the outstanding school system and community that supports it. The quality of the schools was the main reason we came to Wilton and the existing school quality is what keeps us here. I am deeply worried that regionalization would erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which in turn erodes the quality of our town. The two reasons we came and stay in Wilton despite a long work commute.

Regionalization of our schools would change the size of the schools and the quality of teacher :child interaction in negative ways we can only imagine. People are leaving CT in droves and regionalization would cause more people to leave and NOT attract any new families. I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools

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