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To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent of Trumbull public school students, and an Easton public school teacher, 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.

When we decided on a location to settle down and buy a house, one of our top priorities was choosing a town with quality schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. None of these bills include even one mention of school quality and realistically will detract from the quality character of our schools and ultimately our town and state.

I have serious concerns about the potential negative impact of larger school sizes. Some problems I anticipate include increased class size, decreasing administrator presence, Board of Education decisions, union agreements, educational standards, decreasing community engagement, and unsustainable tax burdens.

Though I understand how economies of scale appear attractive from a fiscal standpoint, this bill attacks our most precious asset as a community and as a state - the quality of our schools. If approved, this bill would only further an additional outflow of residents, many of whom came to this state for the schools, further eroding state revenue and worsening the state's fiscal crisis.

I strongly 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.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Burke
Town of Trumbull