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To the Connecticut State Education Committee,

As a parent of public school students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools. These bills would be detrimental to the quality of our schools. I grew up in Maryland where regionalized schools are the norm, and the difference in quality among the schools in each region is staggering. It is impossible to keep the standard of education at a high level when administration is distracted by the day-to-day logistics of simply running these schools.

I have already learned of several families that decided not to move to Connecticut because of the possibility of these bills passing. I can only imagine how much worse these bills will affect the motivation of potential Connecticut residents if they are actually passed. As an educator myself, the quality of education that my twin daughters receive is my utmost priority. My husband and I have already discussed the strong possibility of moving out of the state if these bills are passed.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

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