

**Subject: Raised Bill SB 874 – In Opposition**

Good Afternoon Co-Chairs McCrory & Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel & McCarty, Vice-Chairs Abrams & Barry, and esteemed members of the Education Committee:

I am very concerned with the **raised bill S.B. No. 874** AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

**I strongly urge you to vote against this bill.**

The very concept and existence of a bill proposing school regionalization is a problem to the towns such as the one I live in. The main problem is the “forced” nature of the proposed regionalization.

These bills are against the fundamental American way of freedom embodied in smaller town’s rights of self-governing, and reflect the most brazen un-American way of domination and coercion, reflected in the State and bigger cities permanent money greed and political power hunger. It threatens the livelihood of the smaller towns and the families living there. The “forced” nature manifested in the language of these bills is frightening and unacceptable to those who believe in democracy and liberty.

Many people in my town saved their hard-earned money for years, so that they could move here for its schools. The very concept of forced regionalization will quickly devastate their investment in their children’s education as well as their property value. While one may not care about individual citizens’ property value, the socialist policy intent of this bill is extremely detrimental for the American society built on personal freedom, both political and economical. I was born and grew up in a socialist society, and can testify that while the socialism sounds “fair” on the surface, it is the most unjust system in human history, and inevitably result in ultimate collapse of the society and devastation of its citizens.

Please stop this bill, and help the citizens who voted you into office.

Very truly yours,

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