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***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.***

***I am very much opposed to forced school regionalization. The youngest members of our community should not have to pay because the State of Connecticut cannot properly balance its budget.***

***We live in the small town of Harwinton in Northwestern Connecticut. We chose this area for everything that this small community has to offer, including the schools. Consolidating districts will lead to larger classrooms and this will have a negative impact on students.***

***I believe that there are other ways the State can save money. Shame on Connecticut! Education cuts should not even be an option. We should be planning to build more schools instead of the proposed consolidation. This will affect the future of every one of us, even if you don't have children in the school districts.***

***Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.***

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