

I'm a resident of Westport and wanted to reach out and voice my opposition to the proposed Commission on Shares School Services. While I am fully supportive of voluntary regionalization, I moved to Westport exclusively because of the schools, relying on the fact that like-minded neighbors who value education as much as I do will be willing to spend whatever it takes to give our children the best education possible. Threatening the quality of education ensures that people will think twice about moving to CT and enduring the long commute into the city. Talk about killing the golden goose.

Needless to say, the specter of forced mergers and bussing will also significantly impair real estate prices at a time when Fairfield county desperately needs support in that regard.

I would encourage you to opposed any mandatory regionalization, while ensuring that the state continues to provide support for those municipalities that voluntarily wish to merger to realize cost savings.

Regards,  
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