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Subject: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

My name is Andrew McCulloch, and as a parent of two future public school students in Wilton, 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.

We moved to Wilton primarily for the schools, and it is school quality that keeps us (and most of our friends) here. If such a bill were passed, we anticipate school quality to decline via increased school size, lower community engagement, and character. I would expect the town of Wilton, and many others like it, to suffer irreparably as the majority of young families would look to move outside of Connecticut for a more stable economy and improved opportunity. Such a change would negatively impact one of the few advantages this state has over others, and would further worsen its fiscal future.

For the sake of the families who have located here to provide a good education for their children, and for the financial future of this state, I ask that you oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Best regards

Andrew McCulloch