

February 23, 2019

RE: SB 454/738, SB 874 and SB 431

Dear Connecticut Elected Representative:

This communication is to inform you that I strongly oppose the three proposals on FORCED school regionalization currently infecting the state legislature.

Tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, and more tax. That is all you people know how to do.

1. THERE IS NO EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION LEADS TO COST SAVINGS.

For those school districts that MAY benefit from consolidation, i.e., districts with fewer than 1000 students, give them a path to consolidate IF THEY SO CHOOSE. Otherwise, KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR SCHOOLS.

2. DO YOUR OWN \*BLEEPING\* JOB.

For decades, you, the state leaders, have failed to figure out how to fund the UNSUSTAINABLE teacher pension costs in plans you created. Now, you want municipalities like Wilton, who have RESPONSIBLY MANAGED OUR FINANCES, to cover up for your SCREW UPS. NO WAY.

Rather than just STEALING OUR MONEY, maybe try something CREATIVE, like learning BEST PRACTICES from the municipalities who manage their finances RESPONSIBLY. DO YOUR BLEEPING JOB. KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR SCHOOLS.

3. DON'T DIVERT MOTOR VEHICLE TAX REVENUE FROM OUR MUNICIPALITY TO YOU.

As I said before, all you people know how to do is take, take, take, and tax, tax, tax. KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR SCHOOLS AND KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR CARS.

Congratulations on alarming hard working, law abiding, tax paying citizens, who would like to stay in the state, but may not.

Sincerely,

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