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State of CT Representatives and Senators:

RE:

Proposed S.B. No. 738 sponsored by SEN. Looney

Proposed S.B. No. 457 sponsored by SEN. Duff / SEN. OSTEN,

Governor's Bill No. 874 Introduced by: SEN. Looney, SEN. Duff, REP. Aresimowicz, REP. Ritter M.

Exceptional public schools are a draw for Redding and many other Towns in Fairfield County. Our schools produce high test scores, high college admission rates as well as excellence in sports, the arts and special education programs. Higher real estate prices and taxes are the cost of insuring the safety and success of our children and our communities. None of the above is an entitlement and required hard work and sacrifice. These assets have become targets for plunder by politicians and policies that edge toward socialism as the solution to correct years of irresponsible spending at local, state and federal levels of government.

I oppose the Proposed S.B. No. 738 introduced by SEN. Looney, Proposed S.B. No. 457 introduced by SEN. Duff / SEN. OSTEN, Governor's Bill No. 874 introduced by: SEN. Looney, SEN. Duff, REP. Aresimowicz, REP. Ritter M. I am extremely troubled by these bills and/or any bill that suggest alteration of social and economic dimensions. The bills state no defined parameters and goals and appear to be an experiment in social justice and social equity aimed at mandated redistribution of wealth and/or redeployment of human and financial resources outside the communities that created these assets.

I feel that any proposed legislation, Education or otherwise, must provide a solution that will promote success and growth for our state. However, it must not damage or deplete the value of existing assets or the communities and businesses that have fostered the creation of these assets. Studies should focus on the elimination of waste, corruption and mismanagement within failing schools and districts. State Mandated Regionalization or Socialism of Schools is a path to failure; The quality of life and in this case education will plummet along with property values throughout the state.

Hands off our schools, our property and our freedom.

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