FEBRUARY 25, 2019

State of Connecticut, Legislature
Hartford, CT

Subject: Do not approve Bill 738, “An Act Concerning the Creation of Regional School Districts”

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express concern over bill 738, “an act concerning the creation of regional school districts” and to urge a “no” vote. Two points;

First; it is not responsible to set such an impactful and possibly irreversible course of events in motion without detailed estimates of the costs and benefits of this legislation. The matter should be deferred until such a time that data can be gathered, presented, and vetted by both the affected communities as well as third party experts. Only at that time can a truly informed decision be made.

Second; in Canton it seems highly unlikely the alleged benefits will out way the costs and/or overcome intangible losses associated with regionalization. A “broad brushed” approach to force districts together, where perhaps it may make sense in other rural communities, is not responsible and will not yield significant savings.

Respectfully,

Kevin Baldwin