Testimony regarding bills: SB 874, SB 457 and SB 738

I am writing the legislature to voice my opposition to these bills. I them oppose for two primary reasons:

First, I oppose all three bills because our state has more important issues to spend taxpayer money and legislative time on than exploring and creating plans to force, coerce or incent school consolidation. If you want to help stop the continued financial downward spiral we are in, then get to the heart of the problem: the flight of people and businesses and the ever-ballooning state employee health and retirement benefits.

Second, I oppose all three bills because there is no reason to force or coerce towns with well-performing schools, receiving little to no financial support from the state to merge their school districts.

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