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My name is Andrea Light and I live at 7 Greenwood Place in Norwalk, CT.

I cannot accept that the size of Norwalk's grand list should so seriously impact the ECS formula in place. Our real estate taxes are already very high and rising, while most of my friends are making the same, or less, in income than ten years ago. The only thing rising faster than real estate taxes are medical insurance premiums!

It would be more equitable to base the formula on income, not assets, or at least to give greater weight to income. It's not realistic to think that because our houses have greater value we are richer - generally speaking our houses are smaller with less property. This is why so many folks moved up the line to Trumbull or Monroe, to get more house for their money.

My daughter is in graduate school now and we were very satisfied with the academic preparation she received in the Norwalk Public Schools. But with all the challenges our school system faces, it's egregious to see this inequity from the gate. The state may get a disproportionate amount of its revenues from Fairfield County, but look further into the source; those income taxes aren't coming from Norwalk.

Thank you.