

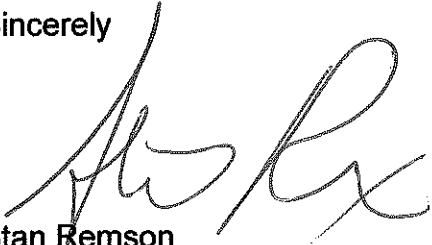
To ECS Committee,

Thank you for your dedication and time for this extremely important program. I would like to ask this committee to please look into changing the formula that is used to disperse these monies to local municipalities as this formula does not treat towns and cities fairly. I am a native Norwalk resident for 45 years and to be honest had no idea about ECS funding until I became involved with my children's elementary school P.T.O. I find it very disturbing that the formula that is used has not been changed just "tweaked" since the ECS transformed over 20 years ago.

I understand that any formula used will more than likely short change some other town or city and then they will come up here in two to three years and ask to change the formula as well. Maybe the formula should be done on a rotation so that eventually all towns will be happy and all towns will be upset but at least we all can say it is equal. As the formula stands now Norwalk has been getting the short end for way too long. Understanding that the recession is still alive and well please use all the data that you collect from these meetings and use them to come up with a fair and equitable formula for the whole State and not just the upper part. We down here in the left hand lower corner are not what we are referred to as the "gold coast". If we were we would not need the ECS funding or have to give our children free or reduced lunch. I invite you to come and walk through some of our schools and you can see for yourself how diverse Norwalk truly is.

Thank you again for your time and dedication to the Educational funding for all of our children in this great State of Connecticut.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan Remson', written in a cursive style.

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