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My name is Jim Peyton, I live in the little town of Lunenburg Vt. in Essex co. Lunenburg has approx. Pop. is approx 1300. I am the Vice Chair of the Lunenburg School Board. We have 96 k-8 students , a total of 148 student including High school. We are a large sparsely populated county. Appx 8000 people in it. We have school choice for High School. Most go to Lyndon Institute or St Johnsburgy Academy, some go to Concord High and some go to White Mountain Regional. We've done a consolidation study and turns out nobody want to consolidate with us and we with them. We don't want to lose our local control. We've done a great job in Lunenburg trying to keep budgets down. We have 5 members on our board And I remind you we in Lunenburg as school directors only make 600.00 to do this. I can tell you that I know you won't be able to do what we do for 3000 dollars a year. There will be no savings with your plan that any of our towns will realize. Many other states have tried this and report the same thing, No savings. and Higher costs. You might be able to consolidate in some larger towns and save some money in duplicative svc but not in Essex county. Recently this body without much public comment enacted a Moritorium on towns wishing to pull out of the Vermont education system. and close their schools to reopen as private schools. Again doing thing against the will of the people. I for one would like to see a moritorium on this Legislative body for 2 years because just everything you do either restricts our freedom and cost us more money. I urge you to vote no on H883. Thank you for your time.