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Dear Secretary French and Chairperson Samuelson,  
I am a lifelong resident of Hancock, Vermont. I have held numerous positions in our town including Select Board Member, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer. I was an educator in the local school as well. Consequently, I am all too familiar with the financial and personal struggles our families experience and am vehemently opposed to any efforts that will only serve to amplify the hardships faced by our already economically depressed community. A merger of the Lincoln School District with the White River Valley SU will certainly be the proverbial final nail in the coffin for many of the Hancock-Granville families. This merger will result in an increased tax burden for the towns in our SU. We made the difficult decision to sacrifice our local school a few years ago to join the White River Valley SU in an effort to provide quality education at a manageable cost. A merger with the Lincoln School District will not further those goals.

Please do not support any merger of the Lincoln School District with the White River Valley SU.  
Regards,  
Janet Jesso

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