

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of the caps on class sizes proposed in Senate Bill 1093, which would take an important step in ensuring that classrooms are places where students can learn, and educators can teach.

I have been teaching for the past 23 years. I am the biggest advocate for smaller class sizes. Currently I am teaching Kindergarten and can see the major impact smaller class sizes has made for my students. I am able to meet the needs of english language learners, special education students, struggling students and even challenging higher students to give them what they all need to access and grow with the curriculum. I have deeper connections with students and their families which has resulted in tremendous growth both academically, socially, and emotionally for all students. The impacts of Covid continue to impact my students and will for some time. Smaller classes allow for remediation, individualized instruction and small group work. Please know that the smaller the classes the more all students can grow. Students are also coming to school with more instances of trauma and neglect so my time with them is critical. Please for the future of our students co wider capping the class sizes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

