

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 a teacher for eleven years and I can tell you what an adverse effect large class sizes have on my students. There is no possible way for me to check on my students during class. Often these large class sizes stamp out creative lessons because we simply do not have time to get two dozen students on the same page. Smaller class sizes allows me to check on my students who have IEP and 504 plans that require more individual attention.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

