

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 had class sizes anywhere from 17-22 while teaching kindergarten and second grade. That doesn't count for the days when we have no substitutes and another class gets split. Those days I have almost 30 students. Having large class sizes is a disservice to students. Each student gets less individual attention and essentially doesn't get what they need to thrive. Not only that, but it's more students to plan for, assess, hold conferences, communicate with parents about. Teachers are stretched thin as it is. If class sizes were more manageable it would make us more successful.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

