

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 work in an elementary school in a large urban district. We have a population of students speaking many different languages and learning at many different levels all with different learning needs. We work very hard at differentiating our instruction to meet the needs of all of our students. One of our biggest obstacles is class size. Capping elementary class size at 20 would go a long way to helping us reach every student.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

