

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 choose to continue to teach in Connecticut rather than NY because of their class size caps. I taught for 13 years in Colorado and class size was never capped. I regularly had classes of 30+ students. I once had a kindergarten class with 35 children until they could hire another teacher. The aide didn't even come because it was her break during art. In my class time (40 minutes) I couldn't even talk to all of the children. It impacts management, safety, and the well-being of children throughout the day, at all grade levels. If there is no legal requirement, common sense will not always prevail.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

