

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 in my district for 23 years. When we were told we needed to max our classes because of district funds and numbers, I was appalled last school year. We don't even have the resources to teach our class in my content area CTE. The books are outdated by almost 10 years. Students should have access to online eBooks in this century and common curriculum. This school year has been one of the toughest years. I have three classes of 30, which makes it uncondusive to learning. Students can be defiant, disruptive, disrespectful and are constantly on their phones. I have given up with that since there are no consequences for disruptive behavior in a classroom. This isn't the case for all. If classes were smaller and desks were allowed to be move around, which is difficult with a stacked class of 30 and all their belongings. I do believe the environment and classroom atmosphere would change. Thank you for your time and consideration.