

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.

Larger class sizes impact instruction, behavior management, and time to plan and implement instruction. For every child, I thoughtfully grade, give feedback, and personalized behavior management. As a regular education teacher, I am dealing with more high needs behavior than ever. Covid has negatively impacted social skills, and we need to take this into consideration for what that means for the future. Students need to be taught how to interact with each other in an appropriate way. This becomes impossible with 29 students in the class.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

