

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.

My daughters fourth grade class currently has 29 students. I am a teacher and am devastated that her learning is being impacted due to budget constraints. As I teacher I know that she has less opportunities to share her ideas with the class, to be seen in a small group by her teacher, to have her teacher give her individual attention. The behaviors that arise in the classroom due to student needs not being met are a further detriment to my daughters learning. Class size caps are needed because our students education is being jeopardized due to unnecessary budget cuts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

