

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 Spanish for the past 20 years and can say that class size matters at all levels. The most important part of teaching is being able to make strong connections with students and to be able to give them frequent and meaningful feedback. In large classes, this is very difficult to do. I also believe class size is a social justice and equity issue. Students who have smaller classes have an advantage over students in large classes. Please support the legislation to limit class sizes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

