

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.

When I first started teaching, it was not uncommon to have class sizes over 25. As our town population has changed, I have had the opportunity to teach smaller classes. In my experience, in smaller classes, I can provide students more individualized and specific instruction to meet their needs where they are through more opportunities to conference as well as provide more precise and complete feedback on written work. I have taught mostly 9th graders, and found that they need more support and individualized attention than 10th-12 graders. I have had more success with students mastering skills when they are smaller classes, leading them to be more successful and independent in grades 10-12.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

