

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.

In the 7 years I've been teaching kindergarten this is the first year where my class has not been at 20 students and boy, has it made a world of a difference. Having a class size of 17 has been game changer for me. I can honestly say that I know my students extremely well. I can tell you their likes and dislikes, their strengths and weaknesses. I actually have time to sit with them to talk without constantly fighting the battle of a excessively large, loud, class. My students are getting a better teacher this year. I feel like I am able to do so much more with them because there are less of them. Please cap the class sizes and if you're able to look at capping the prekindergarten and kindergarten class at 15-17 students. Those fewer students have made a world of difference and will surely have a positive impact on student academic and social emotional success.

Thank you!