

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 a teacher for the last 7 years. Including my internship and students teaching, I have been apart of 5 different school districts. Each district was different from next but something that remained constant across them all was that the smaller the class size I have had, the more effectively I have been able to teach and engage my students. It is just simple math. When the ratio of students in classroom to a single teacher grows, it is just harder to give attention to the students who need more of that 1 on 1. I remember teaching two specific classes where the subject matter was the same but one class had 30 students and one class had 19. Without a doubt, the class of 19 was the class I was able to get more into topics we discussed and support in a greater capacity as compared to my class of 30.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

