

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.

As a music teacher, I service every class in my building and only see them once a week for 35 minutes. I am obligated to collect data, and large classes make it extremely difficult to do that. It takes me a month to collect performance data since I cannot accomplish testing 30 students individually during a single class. Large classes limit the activities I can do without enough materials for each student and no funding to purchase additional materials. Lastly, despite movement and dancing being essential to music, I must exclude that part of curriculum simply because I cannot fit 30 students in my classroom comfortably enough for them to dance without someone getting injured. Smaller class sizes ensure that students are accessing the entire curriculum, and not just bits and pieces. This would also allow for more individualized attention so students who are struggling can receive proper intervention.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

