

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 PE/Health teacher, I have classes with 30 students in a gym. Now I share a gym with 1, some times 2 other teachers who also have 30 students. There are times we have upwards of 90 students in a gym. It is not safe and we do not have enough equipment for all the students. At the middle school level it is not effective nor safe for us to have this many students in one area at once. Our lessons would be more meaningful if we had less students in a given period.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

