

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 Senate Bill 1093, which would implement caps on class sizes and take an important step in ensuring that classrooms are places where students can learn and educators can teach.

I have taught high school and middle school for well over 30 years, and I can attest that I am a better teacher when class sizes are reasonable. It just makes sense. Good teachers work hard to meet the needs of all of their students and to provide individualized assistance as necessary. The more students we need to serve per class, the less effective we become. Honestly, I would argue that the proposed caps are even a bit high. We certainly cannot afford classes larger than this. Our students are our most valuable asset. They deserve smaller class sizes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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