

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 am a 7th grade English teacher, and the smaller the class size, the better I can control my class. My class sizes range from 17 to 21, and I really feel the difference with the smaller classes. The smaller the class, the fewer interruptions there are, whether it be students asking to go to the bathroom, locker, etc. or raising their hands for help with the content. The fewer interruptions there are, the better the students learn and understand the material. When students are able to reach an understanding of the material in a faster and less disruptive way, not only are students more set up for success, but I have a stronger relationship with them should disruptions or interruptions occur. There should absolutely be a cap on class sizes - as an educator, I cannot think of one good reason for not having one.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

