

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.

The reason we are seeing teacher shortages all across the country is because many feel that they've been sold a false bill of goods. We've been told this is a job we're you can make a positive impact on young people but what has been misrepresented is how little time we have to make those connections and relationships when you are trying to get almost 30 young people in a room to understand a complex idea. To go further, when you put that many minds in the room it is impossible for everyone to have the the opportunity for their ideas to develop and grow. We are stunting our own students academic progress because we aren't giving them the time and place to evolve as learners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

