

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 high school English teacher and 2022 SPS Teacher of the Year finalist, I know firsthand how challenging it is to help my students reach the goals mandated by the CT Department of Education, especially when they start their senior years with greatly varied levels of readiness and needs. As you and your fellow lawmakers surely understand, differentiated instruction becomes increasingly difficult to implement when too many students are placed in the same class. In my district, the maximum number of students per class is now 30. Limiting that number to twenty-five will help ensure that teachers are better able to give students the individual attention they need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

