

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.

Teaching in a diverse urban population is wrought with challenges, not the least of which is class size.

As a 20 year veteran, I have witnessed class sizes continue to grow over the past 2 decades.

When we push class sizes to include 30 or more students, we are failing our special education students who so desperately need more attentive instruction, our 504 students who need extra accommodations provided by their teachers, our ESL students who need more direct guided instructions, and all of our general population who don't get the quality education they need and deserve because teachers are being pulled in 30+ different directions. Class size makes an enormous difference in the quality of instruction, and as a state that has historically valued education, reducing class size is essential.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

