

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.

Students' needs vary significantly and there are a tremendous number of accommodations and modifications teachers have to make for every class. It is virtually impossible to do this with larger class sizes. Research shows students in smaller classes (16-18) perform the best, in large part because they get more individualized attention from the teacher. By limiting class size, we can do a much better job meeting students' needs so they can excel. Only good things will come from limiting class size.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

