

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.

Educating students is the most rewarding job I have found and reaching every student is key to their success. However, when you are given 30 students and 30% are with special needs, 30% below reading levels, and 35% gifted and talented, I am failing all my students. Smaller class size makes a difference and a class with 30% with special needs (emotional, learning, etc.), a smaller class size than the one recommended is crucial.

This is no different than a parent with one child compared to a parent with eight children. The child will develop very differently. I ask that you keep this in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

