

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.

Large class sizes decrease the opportunity for students to receive differentiated instruction and opportunities for academic growth. With a large class, it is a challenge to ensure that all students receive an equal chance for individual attention from classroom teachers. It is difficult to monitor student independent work while so many students are vying for assistance with work completion. There also is the issue of physical space in the classroom. Large class sizes lead to overcrowding and not enough materials. This can lead to teachers supplementing those materials for those students. There are also the social emotional implications as well. More and more students are facing trauma at home and need more adult attention throughout the day. Larger class sizes causes those students to slip through the cracks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

