

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.

While working in a priority school district for 5 years, I experienced the general education classes routinely enrolled 28 students. This number of students greatly reduced the amount of teaching and learning and negatively impacted students for multiple years. In terms of systemic racism, large class sizes are a direct contributor to a negative impact on students of color. Putting restrictions on the maximum number of students in a general education is an important component to addressing systemic racism.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

