

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.

Capping a preschool classroom at 20 children is inappropriate. A teacher and para cannot teach early childhood social and emotional skills with the amount of social and emotional needs children have in today's society in that large of a class. It simply is not attainable. Children of the pandemic and children with disabilities, have no chance of having their needs met in a class size that big. Neither can Kindergarten, these are babies and now babies behind the eightball. Class size should not exceed 16, ever.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

