

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.

I have been an elementary educator for 24 years. I have had class sizes from 18-40 students, depending on the year and the district.

Students need more individualized attention than one teacher can provide, even in a class of 20 students. There is always something that gets missed, or needs that are not met. In a 45 minute class period with 15 minutes of instruction and 5 minutes of closure, there is only time for ONE minute of individual attention per student. We teachers do the best we can with what we are given, but you can help make it better for both students and staff. By capping the class size, you provide us with crucial extra time to spend with the students who need it most.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

