

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.

We are drowning!! Class sizes are too big and the needs of children are becoming too great for 1 teacher to help. On top of that there is no support staff and counselors!!! The schools are crumbling and teachers need support! If classes need to be big then 2 teachers should be in 1 room! Children are coming in with various emotional needs and we are being sucked dry trying to help and teach!! Please help, I am watching my colleagues cry and want to leave teaching on a daily basis. They are teachers with 10+ experience!! Including myself with 18 years experience. It's time to support teachers before it's too late and the system crumbles.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

