

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 worked in a district where the class sizes were out of control! I had 36 5th grade students in my class. We did not even have enough space in the classroom for them to sit comfortably. In addition, it was near impossible to get to every student when they needed help. It made the learning process much less personal and small groups were not small at all! I now teach in a school where I have 23 kids and I personally know so much more about each child and what they need to thrive and learn. Big class sizes help no one, not the teacher and especially not the students!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

