

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.

With the demands placed on young children every day in school, the ability of educators to reach each one where they are is directly impacted by the size of the class. A class of 20 in kindergarten allows for each child to be seen in small groups every single day—adding even two additional students increases group sizes and reduces the amount of individual attention students get. I have been lucky enough to sometimes experience these reduced class sizes because of students moving mid-year and not being replaced, and the data speak for themselves. Students in smaller classes make more progress. Teachers can leverage the support of families when there are fewer to contact—4 phone calls is possible in a day, while 6 is not.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

