

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 teach in the smallest state school in CT. We get excellent results from our students testing scores. This is not because we are better teachers than the teachers in neighboring schools, it is because it is easier to make sure we take care of each and every student in our school. With small numbers it is more difficult to have students “fall through the cracks”. Also, studies show that the most important age for parents and teachers, to “be there for the kids” is teenage years. This is a critically age for mental health crisis (change). If you think of students in those terms, would you just get all your mental health patients and pile them up in bigger wards and fewer doctors? Mostly in these times in which mental health issues are on the rise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

