

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 spent most of my career in private schools. In private school you have the luxury of small classes which allow you to individualize more to meet each child's individual learning needs. The past 7 years I have worked in the public school system where children are in desperate need of instruction tailored towards their individual needs. With larger classes and the fast paced curriculum it makes it virtually impossible to teach towards each child's needs. The diversity of backgrounds and exposure to learning opportunities makes it vital for these students to receive more instruction geared towards their needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

