

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 28 students as my school's cap I inevitably got a class this size EVERY year. I am not physically able to reach all students when there are that many in a 50 minute clock. That's less than 2 minutes I could spend per student on average, not including whole class instruction. When covid has set us back this far, we need that much more time with our students to make sure they aren't falling behind. Smaller class sizes would be equitable for all students, especially those with higher and differing needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

