

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.

This is my 30th year teaching first grade in Madison, CT.

Having over 20 students in my classroom makes it very challenging to manage teaching a rigorous curriculum and meeting the increasing social and emotional needs of my students. The social and emotional needs of students are very high and takes time away from the academics to address their needs. By having fewer students to manage, teachers could effectively and efficiently address students' academic as well as social and emotional needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

