

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.

Thank you for considering this Senate Bill 1093. As a retired Technical high school teacher/ instructor/ Dept head for 31 years, (and now as a substitute teacher), I see what happens in many classrooms. Most classrooms have 30 students in them now. I feel this is way too many students. This bill is necessary and a good start to improve student contact time. In the past, large classroom size reduces the teachers time to work 'one on one' with the students. This does not lead to quality instruction and student support. Today you have even less time to spend with the students. Teachers today have so much more content to cover and less time allotted. By capping student classroom sizes, it will allow more quality time to spend with each student which will improve learning.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

