

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.

Large class sizes has negatively impacted my ability to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students. The difference of 20 to 25 students is only a few bodies, but when pulling small groups to directly work on targeted needs means an additional 15-20 mins per subject several times a week. That additional time is not often available.

When working with a small group (in grades K-3) , 5 or less students is most effective. With 25 students, I would have to make 5 groups which would either limit the amount of time daily, or extend the groups over several days, therefore not being able to meet with some groups only 1-2 times in a week.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

