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## HB0085: Education - Collective Bargaining - Certificated Employees - Class Size

Official Testimony

Position: **FAVORABLE**

To the House Ways & Means Committee,

My name is Inez Crisostomo, and I'm a Baltimore City resident and a member of the Baltimore Teachers Union. I support SB0206.

This bill will repeal the prohibition on a public school employer negotiating the maximum number of students assigned to a class.

Passing this bill is essential because research has also shown that a smaller class size is essential to the learning of a student. If this bill is passed, we teachers will be able to negotiate the class size that we handle, for the good of the students.

I have experienced having a class size larger than 30, and I have experienced having a class size of 10. It is very much evident that the students in the class of ten have an advantage. This can be seen in their test scores, and even in their interaction in class.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on SB0206 Education - Collective Bargaining - Certificated Employees - Class Size.

Sincerely,

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