Please include these comments in the official record.

As a student myself, I know the value having small class sizes to promote learning. I have been personally impacted by the educators I have had and because of small class sizes, am able to be in contact with them today.

I am in support of this bill because education is the foundation for our future generations. Kids deserve the opportunity to be in an environment where their personal needs are met. Where they are not just another face in the room. Where teachers are capable of learning their names and what they need to succeed.

My brother works as a teacher in an under funded community. He is able to build relationships with so many of his students, where he may be the only stable adult figure in their life. He is able to get to know them and hear their stories and meet them where they are at. We need that. If we continue to grow class sizes, those relationships are not going to be built. We aren't going to be able to hear every kid's story, and the risks of that could be detrimental.

Kids don't get to choose the situation they are brought into. They may not get to choose what they are going home to every night. They don't get to pick their parents. School should be the place where we are meeting their needs. If a kid needs one on one attention or more time to grasp a concept then that should be able to be provided. At the same time, we need to provide educators with the resources they need to educate our kids.

I support this bill, because I know school is not just a place where we learn history, math, and science. . It's the place we learn to build relationships, friendships, values, and for some, it's the safest place they have.

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