

Testimony of

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Labor and Public Employees Committee

Re:

SB 423: AN ACT IMPROVING INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS.

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Good morning, Senator Kushner, Representative Porter, Senator Sampson, Representative Arora, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

I testify today in support of SB 423 and the establishment of school temperature and humidity limits and bonding for remediation and installation of modern HVAC systems. This bill would help reverse the impact of poor air quality in our schools that many don't see, but teachers and students experience every day.

Our building has rooms that hit 80 degrees or more while, at the same time, in other rooms you need a jacket to stay warm. The air conditioning and heating systems are notoriously inconsistent. There are times when students are asked to take important standardized tests in rooms that are overheated with poor air circulation.

These issues have been going on for years or, in some cases, decades. There needs to be a better commitment by policy makers and leaders to address this issue and create healthy, quality conditions in all schools for students and educators.

Thank you for addressing this critical issues impacting our students, our educators, and our school communities.