

*Testimony of*

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Before the

**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.

My art room is so hot the first month of school and the last month in June. I've had to move to the mildly cooler library to hold lessons that are not as relevant because of this. During the winter, I wear a coat in my classroom for months. Both of these factors make teaching and learning harder than it should be. It would take a simple AC unit put in the window to help with this, but there is red tape for miles when getting what you need in a public school. I am wondering what it will take to get simple needs met for a classroom in 2022. Please help and advise.

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