

*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.

In the very warm days of May and June as well as Late August into October my classroom becomes unbearable. I often have to stop teaching to catch my breathe and regain my train of thought since I am so distracted by the heat. If it is difficult for me to focus on teaching and ignore the heat, imagine what it does for my 20 plus students. The students are exhausted and distracted and often complain of headaches and not feeling well due to the lack of airflow. Add in not being able to use our classroom fans, our classroom temperature reaches atleast 90 plus degrees on those warm May- June and August- October. Something needs to be done to address the poor air quality in our schools throughout the state.

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