

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.

As a former businesswoman and historic preservation advocate, it is unacceptable that some schools are not equipped with air conditioning. At times throughout the year, the temperature in my classroom exceeds 90 degrees so what kind of learning environment is that? During the winter, there are times my room is unheated and hovers around 45 degrees. This is disgrace to a once leader in the world's leading educational countries.

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