

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.

It gets so hot in the building, that one day I was just standing and sweat was dripping from my face. I teach kindergarten and we have 1 fan in the room and no air flow. During covid...with masks on it was hard to breathe. We were better off going outside to teach because it was cooler. But the main office and central office are always air conditioned...the conditions are sweat like factory...and once again teachers and students suffer from lack of funding.

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