

Testimony of

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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.

Students and teachers both can't concentrated in uncomfortable environments. When it is too hot or too cold that is all that they think about. Schools should be climate controlled like most other modern buildings to ensure that everyone can learn in a comfortable environment.

On hot days in the summer my classroom has reached temperatures of close to 90. This is unbearable and should not be allowed. On some winter days it was so cold inside the classrooms, students and teachers had to wear hats, coats and gloves to keep warm. Students can't write well or type with gloves on. These situations are just ridiculous and should not be allowed in learning environments.

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