

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.

I have 2 major concerns regarding air quality at my school. I am fortunate enough to work in a building that is all one level. However, there are days at the beginning and end of year that the inside temperature reaches well into the 90s. Opening the window does very little to alleviate the temperature. With Covid restrictions we now cannot utilize fans to help with circulation and cooling. Working and learning in that environment is hardly effective. My second concern is the quality of the air. Our building is old, I have mold under my sink and we have had ongoing issues with mice. I can only imagine what is in the air in my classroom. With proper ventilation and filtration this could be solved.

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