

*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.

Please do whatever you can to ensure that schools' air qualities are safe for students and teachers who spend so much of our lives in these buildings. I have been a public school teacher for 27 years. I also have asthma.

Whenever I ask about indoor air quality at my school, I am told that it's in someone else's hands - perhaps the superintendent's. If you can pass this bill, it would support aging teachers in our continued good health in a profession we love, and also ensure long careers for the young and incoming teachers. Please do what you can to keep us healthy!

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