

*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.

Several years ago there was black mold in the classroom I was in. After years of me getting sinus infections, the mold was finally addressed. Too late for me because my sense of taste and smell was seriously diminished due to the infections. We cannot let bad air quality and mold impact our students or educators.

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