

*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.

I have been teaching in the same building for 21 years. My allergies start the moment I walk into the building and end the moment I walk out.

Over the years, my room has flooded several times from roof issues. Mold grows behind the ceiling tiles, there are huge brown spots on the ceiling. Instead of addressing the mold, new ceiling tiles are put up, so no one can see where the issues are. The vent in my classroom is covered in dust; the children sneeze constantly while in the building.

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