

To whom it may concern:

I work as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the Roseburg office. I have also worked as a case manager for Seniors and People with Disabilities and have seen the effects that obesity has on Oregonian's health first hand. I think that it is important to provide healthy options for my co-workers and supervisors so that we can be healthier and more productive.

I talked to Christine Thompson from SSP and she stated that she is unable to eat anything from the vending machines at the Harvard DHS building because of her diagnosis of diabetes. She simply doesn't even purchase items from the vending machines because there isn't anything available that would be a health option.

I go to many meetings a year at the DHS building and I try to follow a healthy diet. I don't drink soda and I can't eat anything with milk products due to intolerances. Again, there are no health options for me.

There are many companies that are offering complete healthy vending machines here in Oregon.

I encourage passing of house bill 3403 so that we can have healthy choices at work for everyone. I think that it would help people make better choices about what they eat and drink.

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