

On behalf of the Ashland Food Co-op, we stand behind Bill SB 404. Education, awareness, expertise and availability are critical factors in paving the way to healthier communities and a happier earth. We support organic farmers and understand the importance of providing access to organic food for all citizens. As you may know, we had a devastating fire last September and over 5,000 people were displaced. 7 months later, we still have 2,500 community members without permanent homes and many of them are food insecure. I have been fortunate to experience first hand new programs that are bringing fresh/organic produce to these community members. Our Rogue Valley Farm to School and Rogue Food Unites programs are two of the driving forces behind making organic produce available to food insecure community members. These families are learning how to cook with fresh produce and the kids are expressing how they feel healthier and happier. Fennel has been the hidden gem with kids! Keep the earth's soil healthy and our kids happy by passing Bill SB 404.

Thank you,

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