To the Senate Committee on Education, attn: Chair Senator Michael Dembrow, Vice-Chair Senator Chuck Thomsen and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 404-2. Organic agriculture is an investment in the health of the people of Oregon and in the future of our lands. This bill will create jobs through the positions it directly funds and through the economic stimulus provided to the organic farming sector through its provisions. Now is the time to invest in Oregonian farms and businesses that will lead us into a more sustainable and healthful future. I urge you to pass SB 404-2.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Dustin J. Ostrand