

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

I am the owner of a small organic farm next to Lake Labish and I strongly support SB404.

SB404 will create an organic program under ODA that addresses soil health, marketing of organic produce, and threats to organic farming. This will not only help organic farmers market our products, but will also provide resources to address critical issues regarding soil erosion, nutrient runoffs, soil health degradation, and soil carbon sequestration. These are important issues that impact not just our food system and economy, but are the key components in our fight against climate change.

I urge you all to support this bill.

Yours truly,
Dr. Chong Kee Tan