

TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Jay Costa
DATE: January 12, 2011
SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation
Re: Assurance of “Organically Grown” Food

Please join me in sponsoring legislation introduced as S.B. 1396 in the 2009-2010 legislative session by Senators COSTA, STOUT, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, DINNIMAN, LOGAN, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, WOZNIAK AND FERLO.

This measure would make it a third degree misdemeanor for those who claim that their product is “organic” when in fact it is not. There are some who are producing food and labeling it as “organically produced” when in fact it could contain such harmful chemicals such as pesticides for example. These chemicals could physically harm those who have a reaction to that chemical. Additionally, those who purchase organically grown products should have reasonable assurances that the product is organically produced or grown.

I hope you will join me in sponsoring this legislation by contacting my office at 7-7683 or e-mailing Anne Griffin-Gray at aggray@pasenate.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.