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Hello Sen.Shields,

To be brief I am saddened about the situation re: The Family Preservation Project. I believe in its concept and benefits, despite money counters saying it is too expensive to continue. Here's a thought; the prison-phone industry, in 2014, generated more than a billion dollars in annual revenue. Does Coffee Creek have contracts with phone companies, and prison-wire-transfer companies in effect at Oregon correctional facilities? Do inmates pay reasonable fees ( particularly intrastate contacts ) for the use of phones and wire transfers? If exorbitant, perhaps rates could be renegotiated with providers, and savings allocated to programs like The Family Preservation Project. Thanks for your time and thoughts, Gene Zaharie