To the Joint Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Education:

It has come to my attention that the Oregon Poison Center is requesting an increase in funding from the state to offset a \$900,000 shortfall in federal funding that will allow them to maintain their current level of service. As a grandmother, great aunt and public school teacher, I certainly believe the Oregon Poison Center is a very important service for all Oregonians. Education is a powerful tool for prevention and having available expertise in emergency situations is absolutely necessary.

Thank you for considering this funding for the Oregon Poison Center.

A concerned citizen, Chris Wolken