

Dear Chairs Johnson, Steiner-Howard, and members of the Committee,

My name is Lynn Alexanderson. My husband and I have lived in the Toledo district since 1994 and have raised our 2 sons here. We have used the Toledo pool since our sons were old enough for swimming lessons, lap swim for me, and rehab after I broke a leg. We also support the Toledo Pool through taxes. I am writing in support of funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

It is so important for both the physical and mental health of our community that access to swimming and overall exercise be available to our community. In addition, living in an area with an ocean and many rivers, it is crucial that our children learn how to swim. Exercise when one is older is just as important. Ultimately, maintaining physical fitness helps seniors maintain their independence.

Having a local aquatic and Community Center, not one that is 10 miles away, is important in keeping the barriers to healthy exercise at a minimum. Also, having a community room would meet a tremendous need for meetings, gatherings...etc.

Thank you for consideration of this funding. It is so important to the residents of East Lincoln County.