

To Chairs Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, and Rayfield, and members of the Committee. Thank you for reading my testimony today in support of the Greater Toledo Swimming Pool and Community Ctr. The pool fulfills a great many needs in our community. It is used by many for exercise and relaxation. Families use the pool for playtime with their families They have support classes for exercise, and swimming classes for school age children. My recent experience with the pool staff was incredible. I went to the pool for exercising my knee after surgery. The staff was aware of this and kept a close eye on me to make sure I was safe. The next time I went in, they ensured I had my requested lane, and the float tube I was using was waiting for me on my chair. I had a few incidences getting in and out of my chair, and their was always someone to assist me. They held doors open and walked me to my car. My worst incidence was getting out of the pool, cold, shaking like a leaf. I contribute it to my health. Pool staff were so concerned that a female lifeguard took me too a hot shower and helped me dress. I vomited outside, and the director came out to make sure I could drive home. That afternoon, I received phone calls from both the director and a lifeguard to check on me. Two weeks after, the lifeguard called again. Their outreach and support shows the best in our small community. Please support our pool. Thank you. Mary Kelly.