

Dear Chairs Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, and members of the Committee:

My name is Isabelle Jones, and I live in Toledo. I was a lifeguard at the pool for about a year.

I am writing to you today in support of funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

Lifeguarding at the pool was my first job. Not only did it help me build character, strength, and good life skills, but it also introduced me to a town, and community that I was new in. I got the wonderful privilege of being a swim instructor, and coach. Teaching kids how to swim was both fun and rewarding for me, and potentially lifesaving for the children that took lessons. We also had many senior regulars that came in to swim, for many of them their time at the pool was a daily routine, and a great low-impact way to get a workout in, and stay healthy. The Toledo pool offers safe, and fun place to learn and play for all ages and abilities.

Thank you for reading. Your support for funding the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center will mean so much to me, my family, and our community.