

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

My name is Scott Lemmon and I live in Keizer, Oregon. I am a lifelong swimmer because of the Toledo Pool. I am writing in support of funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. I was born and raised in Toledo, graduated from Toledo High School 2001 and later graduated from Western Oregon University.

My mother had me in the Toledo Pool at 6 weeks old. I spent years swimming at the Toledo pool as a child and have many positive memories. In high school I spent many years at the pool as an athlete using the water to work out.

When I was in elementary school my family and I went white water rafting on the Snake River. On one trip the boat got caught, flipped, and threw us out. Having learned to swim and play at the Toledo Pool for so many years helped me to not panic through this situation.

Today my wife, and my two young daughters look forward to swimming with Grandma at the Toledo Pool when we come to visit.

I strongly urge you to give this funding for the Toledo Pool a high priority. This pool is an essential resource for the community.

Thanks,
Scott Lemmon