

Dear Chairs Girod and Holvey, and members of the Committee:

My name is Marilyn Manning, and I live in Toledo. I have worked with the Friends of the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District since its inception.

I am in favor of funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. My husband and I swim in the pool 3-5 times a week.

We moved to Toledo in 1970, and our oldest child was put in swimming lessons that summer. Our son was not old enough for lessons at that time. That summer, we went on vacation, and were spending the day at Scout Lake. Our son nearly drowned while playing on an inner tube. When we got home from vacation, I lied about his age and enrolled him in swimming lessons.

Years later, when our son was in college, he was living in Portland in the summer. He had a summer job as a life guard, and taught many children how to swim – including Jean Auel's (author of Clan of the Cave Bear) grandchildren.

Bottom line: Knowing how to swim saves lives.

Thank you very much for considering funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. This is very important for our community to have this facility here.

Marilyn Manning