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On Behalf Of:  
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Oregon Ways and Means,

I am writing to express my disappointment regarding the lack of access to recreational facilities in Ontario, Oregon. As an Ontario high school student who lived in Ontario my entire youth, I never had the opportunity to enjoy a swimming pool. Despite my parents having resources, we were required to drive to Boise or surrounding communities for swimming opportunities. This was a frustrating and often unfair experience, especially when many of my friends did not have the same resources and were unable to swim unless we took them with us.

I strongly believe that this lack of access to recreational facilities is unacceptable and unfair. As a student and now a college student, I feel that it is crucial for future generations to have equal access to these facilities, including a swimming pool and a softball field. It is particularly disheartening to see that girls do not have access to a high school softball field.

I urge you to support the funding for the Ontario softball field and the Ontario pool. I believe that by investing in these facilities, you will be providing opportunities for young people in Ontario to engage in healthy activities and develop important life skills. It is important that future generations have equal access to these facilities, regardless of their economic background or gender.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Samantha Ray