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I was born and raised in Ontario, Oregon, went through the school system, went away to college but came back to the area for many reasons. Besides family, I came back because this is a special community and an incredible place to live, work and raise a family. Growing up I spent countless hours at the Ontario swimming pool. I took swim lessons, joined the swim team and even got my certification to be a life guard. Growing up, the swimming pool was a community place for the whole family from babies to grand parents. When the Aquatic Center closed it left a large void in the community. We no longer had a place to recreate, spend time with family and friends or just hang out. The other smaller towns around Ontario had a pool and it seemed very unfortunate that a larger city like Ontario did not have an aquatic facility. The Ontario Recreation Center provides our area with a community place where our youth, families and our senior population can share space to recreate, meet and gather for a variety of activities and community events. We need a place where our young people can hang out, a place where our elderly can feel comfortable with and our guests and visitors to enjoy. Ontario serves as the hub for education, shopping, business and employment in the Treasure Valley and having a facility like the Ontario Rec Center can enhance the quality of life for all our local residents and visitors and lead to increased economic development throughout our region. As a community leader, volunteer and resident of this area, I fully support the Ontario Recreation Center and the issuance of lottery bonds to make this community facility a reality. Thank you for your time and consideration of my support.

Best,

Cathy Yasuda