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This letter is in support of the funding for Osborne Aquatic Center.

Osborne is a crucial keystone in the competitive swim community. As one of only two indoor 50m Olympic sized pools in the state, it provides unique opportunities to our 4000 competitive swimmers throughout the state. It brings revenue to the community and it provides opportunity to countless members young and old.

Beyond the irrefutable impact Osborne has economically, Osborne provides a starting point for dreams. Multiple athletes watched Jacob Pebley go from 12 year old phenom to Olympic qualifier. This inspired 100s of athletes who yearned to race in the same lanes that Jacob did. Lake Oswego Swim Club has had multiple athletes who have idolized Jacob and several who have gone on to earn scholarships at major Division 1 programs due to this inspiration.

Losing a 50m pool is disappointing anywhere, losing Osborne would be tragic. It is a pillar of our swimming community and is a beacon of excellence for our athletes.

I urge you to consider the enormous impact Osborne has on the state as a whole and the youth that make up our future.

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