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I'm writing today to support funding for Osborn Aquatic Center repairs. Osborn is a huge resource to the swimming community not just in Corvallis but throughout Oregon and surrounding areas. Osborn represents one of only two indoor pools in Oregon that has the capacity to host large championship and in-season meets, and also one of only two indoor 50-meter pools in the state. Competitions like high school district and state championships, winter state championships for USA Swimming, and spring state championships for US Masters Swimming require a large, indoor facility. Additionally, having this facility in a central location that is accessible to teams from a large part of Oregon is vital. Thousands of competitive swimmers - not to mention all the local users - depend on Osborn every year to make their seasons a success.

I coach a relatively small program in Portland (Multnomah County) with both USA Swimming and US Masters teams, and we attend meets at Osborn every year. Even my small group represents over 100 families in Multnomah and Washington counties, currently with swimmers aged 7 to 79, who will all benefit from Osborn reopening. We've also swum at Osborn with teams from up and down the west coast, California and Nevada to Alaska. In addition to the millions in revenue this brings to Corvallis and Benton County, many of these out-of-state teams are flying into Portland and adding dollars to the Oregon economy in more than just the immediate vicinity of Osborn itself.

Your support of Osborn at this time will pay dividends both to the Oregon economy and the development of Oregon athletes. Our swimmers and communities will thank you!

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