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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5531
Topic:

Dear Members of the Committee,

As a Corvallis resident who has relied on Osborn for the last ten years as the hub for my friendships with other swimmers and now, for the last three years, as the mom of a "water kid" I am writing to urge you to support this bill and help our small city to reopen Osborn.

As a masters swimmer, I used to practice at Osborn three or four times a week. Additionally, I have been bringing my kid to Osborn twice a week for swim lessons since he was five months old. Since the pool has closed, my network with my community and friends I used to have through swim team has been fractured and I have had to scramble to keep up my now two-and-a-half year old's comfort and skills in the water. The swim lessons I found for him through OSU are twice as expensive for the half the lessons and the instruction is extremely subpar compared to the professionalism, capabilities, and enthusiasm of the Osborn instructors.

Osborn is a unique aquatics facility that has served our community and many of those from neighboring communities and across the state for recreation, connection, and competition. I sit on the Corvallis Budget Commission so I know all too well how tight our city budget is and the fact is that, without your support and this \$5M, we are unlikely to be able to reopen Osborn in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Regards,
Kyra.