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On Behalf Of: Osborn Aquatic Center  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

I am writing to express my support of the passage of bill SB-5531 that would provide funding for Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. The indoor pools are currently closed due to unsafe conditions, depriving the community of this valuable resource. My children learned to swim here. Swimming is a vital safety skill that prevents countless and unnecessary drownings. The pool is also an important resource for community members that are recovering from injury, improving fitness through lap swimming and warm water exercise classes, and high school swim teams that use for training and meets. It is a public facility that serves the whole community and is worthy of consideration knowing what will be lost if it remains closed. Thank you for your consideration. Marcella Henkels