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

To my Oregon Representatives and Senators,

I kindly ask of you to please pass the suggested budget bill at yesterday's hearing regarding the reconstruction of the Osborn Aquatic Center. The Osborn Aquatic Center means a lot to me, especially considering that I have spent over 1/3 of my life training and competing at this historically wonderful facility. Enjoyed by the not only the local residents of Corvallis, the Osborn Aquatic Center has a well-known reputation by swimmers all across the state for its cleanliness, space, fun community area, and potential for creating lifelong memories. This facility has sprouted much talent. Other than myself, many Olympic Trial Qualifiers and Olympians representing Team USA have consistently trained here, demonstrating the historical importance and relevance the Osborn Aquatic Center has, right here locally in Corvallis. As resident of Albany, there is a reason why I have chosen THIS pool to go to for practice for almost have a decade, 6 days a week, beginning at age 12 (16 now). It brings me another feeling that has kept me going for years and years, through the hardship of rough practices. The blood, sweat, and tears that I have exerted into my craft, there is no other pool that matches the intensity and special feeling this facility gives me and others. It has a special place in my heart that is missing and cannot be filled without it again. Please pass this budget planning bill, and bring back what brings us Corvallis and Oregonians together.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and cooperation.

Best regards,

Jake Ly