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Subject: Urgent Request for Prioritized Funding to Restore the Osborn 50-Meter Pool

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to advocate for the urgent prioritization of funding for the restoration of the Osborn 50-meter pool. The closure of this vital facility has had a devastating impact on to the swim community, with repercussions felt across the entire state. The loss extends far beyond just a place to swim; it has significantly impacted the social, emotional, and physical well-being of our residents, particularly young people.

The pool served as a training ground for countless athletes, from aspiring Olympians to local swim teams. Its closure has disrupted training schedules, forcing athletes to travel long distances to find suitable alternatives, placing a significant burden on families and limiting access for many.

The Osborn pool was a regional hub, drawing swimmers from across the state for competitions and training. Its closure has disrupted the entire competitive swimming including our Tualatin Hills Swim Club in Beaverton, Oregon. I sympathize with Corvallis Aquatic Team and the impact this has had to their swimmers and community.

On a personal level the Osborn pool was my son's first experience getting a Oregon Swimming 1st place medal in the 50 butterfly in February, 2024. We look forward to returning to Corvallis as soon as possible to thrive on that energy and swim in one of the fastest pools in Oregon.

Sincerely,
Sidney McReynolds