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Topic:

I'm writing to support efforts to repair and update the Osborn Pool in Corvallis. This facility is one of only two indoor 50-meter pools in Oregon that can host championship swim meets and full water polo tournaments. It's a critical resource for youth and masters swim teams, water polo programs, and swim lessons that teach life-saving skills. Osborn serves the local community and athletes from around the state (and beyond), supporting both health and lifelong recreation.

Reopening the pool would also generate real economic benefits. Large meets bring hundreds of visitors who stay in hotels, eat at local restaurants, and support small businesses. Investing in this facility means investing in public health, youth development, and regional tourism. I urge you to prioritize funding to help reopen and maintain this vital aquatic resource.