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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 in support of the Osborn Aquatic Center Project Request. The closure of the aquatic center due to structural problems represents an enormous loss for Benton County residents. I am a longtime swimmer at the Center. I swam at the Osborn extensively in 2010-2015 to recover from back injury. I participated in four triathalons from the Center. It is a place of exercise for many residents, including the elderly, the disabled, our teens, and others. It is an excellent social hub in the summer for people of all ages. My children learned to swim at the Osborn. A broad swath of Corvallis residents, from nimble swimmers to stroke victims, benefit from what the Osborn offers. The Osborn Aquatic Center and the Corvallis Library are the jewels of the town. Please fund this resource! It helps keep Benton County healthy and serves everyone.

Thank you.