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It is quite unfortunate that we're meeting here today to discuss aquatic opportunities for people that live within the state of Oregon. Aquatics is an amazing opportunity for youth to learn skills, to push themselves athletically, to be in a competitive environment alongside each and every member of the community to learn respect for everyone, able-bodied, disabled, bodied, young and old. Fostering an environment that is safe for our youth to compete, as well as the adults who continue to choose to compete is imperative as we grow as a state. It is my hope today that as you listen to those who feel aquatic is important you're not only solo to reopen this aquatics facility, but in fact, look toward opening more aquatics facilities for those within our communities. Oregon is is as a state coursing with waterways flowing in and around, lakes, our entire west coast on the Pacific Ocean... Water is everywhere in the state of Oregon. Having facilities that teach people how to swim, extends lives, keep people safe, and provides an appropriate location to be challenged and grow as we grow as a state. It is my hope that you not only consider to reopen this particular aquatics facility, but as I indicated earlier entertain the thoughts of finding ways to craft more aquatics facilities for everyone throughout our entire state. Thank you.