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To Whom it May Concern:

I have been coaching in Oregon Swimming since 1998, and with the Hillsboro Swim Team

specifically since 2001. In ALL of that time, the Osborn Aquatic Center has been an integral part of the development of literally 1000's of athletes from our community over the years.

The Head Coach of the Corvallis Aquatic Team, Rick Guenther, has gone from a mentor to a

friend and colleague for me, and now our two teams very much have a symbiotic relationship.

Our teams, push each other in and out of the pool, and their continued success and development is paramount to our own. Their home base, Osborn, is instrumental in their

success... and as one of the very few Long Course meter pools in not only Oregon, but the

Pacific Northwest, is a critical part of the dynamic for countless athletes from my program and

programs throughout the Northwest.

The loss of Osborn this past year has affected our program immensely and the loss of racing

opportunities in a pool that can host large championship meets in the state of Oregon has been

devastating to the Oregon Swimming Community.

Osborn is SO important to so many athletes throughout the region. We hope desperately we

as a community can see it continue to provide opportunities to athletes throughout Oregon and

beyond.

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