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I'm the mom of a Hillsboro Heat swimmer. We are one more of many voices hoping to save the Osborn Pool. Thank you for taking on funding this at the State level.

Swimming has changed my neurodivergent daughter's life. "When I am in the water I feel calm," she says.

Pools are more than just recreative puddles of water. They improve lives. Clara will never set any swim records, but the opportunity to compete at other venues is an essential part of her life experience. Taking away Osborn diminishes a solid swim culture and program in Oregon as a whole, not just in Corvallis.

Additionally, Hillsboro Heat has attended several meets a year at the Osborn Pool. Absent those meets, Corvallis misses out on the attendant revenue attending athletes and families generate by spending 1-3 days/meet in Corvallis.

I'm assuming you know the pros and cons better than I do and all the factors at play. That said, if one more voice makes a difference, I hope this email will serve the purpose.

Thank you for your service.
Robin