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On Behalf Of: Osborn Aquatic Center
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
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I am the head coach of the Corvallis Aquatic Team. For 34 years I have been welcoming swim teams from all over Oregon, the Northwest and California. These teams have come to Osborn to compete and run training camps. Osborn is a gem to the aquatics community because it has lots of deck space for special Olympics to run a safe competition. The right pool length and depth to run water polo district and state champs and the right speed for all of the competitive swim teams to race in a fast pool. (Yes, water can be fast based off of depth and gutter system. Osborn happens to be one of the fastest tanks in the country).

As you know, Oregon and most of it's cities do not have funding to BUILD NEW event based pools that can bring in children and adults from all over. We have a choice (Corvallis, Benton County and Oregon), either repair Osborn, or loose Osborn and spend \$60 to \$100 million building another facility that will not be as event based and the people of Oregon will loose one of the few facilities in the state that can bring everyone together.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Rick Guenther
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