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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to request your support in funding the Osborne Aquatic Center project. Over the years, Osborne has served thousands of citizens, children, and students. It is now time to invest in this vital resource to ensure it continues to serve our community for generations to come.

From toddler swim lessons to senior water exercise classes, Osborne has been a cornerstone of life in Corvallis, Benton County, and the surrounding areas. The facility has also been instrumental in the success of the Corvallis Aquatic Team, providing a training space for thousands of competitive swimmers. For many young athletes, this opportunity offered critical structure during their formative years and enabled them to compete on national and international stages—an opportunity whose value you surely recognize.

This winter, the team's dedication was clearly demonstrated as they were forced to train wherever space was available, including in outdoor, underheated pools during some of the coldest weather. Despite these challenges, many of the team members are now excelling at national and international competitions. Their perseverance deserves our support—in the form of renewed investment in the Osborne Aquatic Center.

As you consider the importance of this project, I urge you to make the choice that will allow Osborne to remain a vital part of the lives of all who rely on it. After all, if our tax dollars are not used to benefit our communities and citizens, then what are our priorities?

Thank you for your consideration.

William Bacon