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As a community member of Corvallis, Oregon and a taxpayer here since 2008, I would like to State that I am in full support of Senator Sara Gelser-Blouin's \$5 million request at the Oregon Legislature to fund repairs of the Osborn Aquatic Center roof. My family and I have enjoyed the aquatic centers facility tremendously over the past years, and as the roof damages closed the pool, it became a challenge to navigate how we would get our needs met without this facility.

Four times a year, Osborne aquatic center will open up a registration page for swimming classes in the community. These classes are so popular that registrants are required to pre-prepare the form before they open right at 9 o'clock in order to get a chance of getting into these very popular classes. And that's just th tip of the iceberg. The aquatic center is also an important place for young people to have important jobs in the community working with people of multiple ages, and getting valuable experience working for the Corvallis parks and rec department.

This funding would support ongoing classes and activities at the aquatic center that make our community the rich and wonderful family friendly city that it is. Although we do have Oregon State University in Corvallis, many community members are not affiliated with the university and require a public pool to cool off during the summer, as well as a meeting place.