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Senator Sara Geiser-Blouin
900 Court St. NE, 5-211
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Re: SB 5531 Assistance for Corvallis Osborn Aquatic Center

Dear Senator Geiser-Blouin,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 5531 and to urge you to ensure that funding for the much-needed repairs and improvements to the Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis remains a priority.

Osborn Aquatic Center holds deep personal significance for my family and me. My oldest brother learned to swim there as a baby while my parents were attending Oregon State University. Years later, I spent much of my childhood swimming with the Bend Swim Club and competing at Osborn. Some of my fondest memories and proudest moments were made at that pool. Today, the connection continues—my nieces swim for the Corvallis Aquatic Team.

This facility is one of only two indoor Olympic-sized pools in the entire state of Oregon. It plays a vital role not only in serving the Corvallis community, but also in supporting state-wide competitive swimming events, training, and public recreation. Its importance spans far beyond city limits, serving as a critical resource for athletes, families, and schools across Oregon.

Investing in the upkeep and modernization of Osborn ensures that future generations will have the same opportunities we had—whether that means learning to swim, chasing athletic dreams, or simply being part of a healthy and supportive community.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to serving our state. Please support SB 5531 and help preserve this vital resource for Corvallis and for all of Oregon.

Sincerely,
Kristin Achille