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I am in support of state funding for roof repair for the Osborn Aquatic Center. I am a lifelong aquatics advocate, who lives in the Portland area and currently serve as the head coach of VillaSport swim team. I also competed in my youth for MAC swimming, as well as high school water polo and swim team. The Osborn Aquatic Center is personally one of my favorite pools, both as a competitor and a visitor. I clearly remember breaking personal boundaries in my races at this pool, there was always a special feeling of advanced competition and seriousness at the pool. I also enjoyed every trip we'd take to Corvallis, it was always special to go for a swim meet for our team. I also competed in the pool in water polo, where our high school district swim meet took place. It's safe to say that if you are involved in aquatics in Oregon, you hold this pool as a special place in your heart.

Now that I am in a coaching position, it feels special to share my good times, memories, and experience at the pool. We have always been welcomed and supported at meets that CAT has hosted, and we are very appreciative for the hospitality and opportunity to compete. It was a bummer to learn this year that the pool was going under construction, both as a team that competes, and an advocate for CAT who epitomize the values, behavior, and teamwork that all teams should strive for. We have friends who compete there, respect for the coaching staff, and family members who live in town and love to have a quick drive to support their family and team.

I, and my team are all advocating for the funding to escalate progress towards the roof repairs. The pool itself is legendary in terms of athletics in Oregon, and the teams that compete there are indebted to them.

-Andrew Mitemmeyer