

Dear Chair Johnson, Steiner- Hayward, and Rayfield, and members of the Committee:

My name is Angelina Retherford and I live in Toledo. I am a Fishermen's wives. I have volunteered at the elementary school for the last 10 years. I was also a preschool teacher for 10 years with the Siletz Head start. I am writing in support of the funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. this letter because over the last 32 years. I have swam at the pool and been a part of the swim lessons with both The Siletz Head start and the Toledo elementary school. I also took swim lessons from the Greater Toledo pool myself when I was 7 years old. My 3 children have all been through the swim lessons from the school and the pool. My husband is a commercial fisherman. Our family owns 4 commercial fishing boats out of Newport Oregon. This swim program at the greater Toledo pool has greatly impacted the safety of my children when they are on and around the fishing boat in the Yaquina Bay. To this day my family all swims at the pool and are very grateful to have a pool in our area to teach christen water safety and swim lessons for life. I want to thank you for considering funding the Greater Toledo Aquatic Community Center in East Lincoln County.