

April 22, 2021

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

Hello, my name is Ellie Douglas and I am 11 years old. Thank you for letting me testify today in support of the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center's request to receive Capitol Construction and Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds critical for making it possible for our swimming pool to be updated and renovated.

My grandma learned how to swim at the Toledo swimming pool, she went on to teach swimming lessons, lifeguard, participated in summer swim team, and throughout high school she was on the high school swim team. My mom and dad learned to swim at the Toledo swimming pool too. My mom even spent some time on the summer swim team. My brother and I learned to swim at the Toledo swimming pool also and I am currently enjoying my 2nd year on the summer swim team. When I am older, I hope to teach swimming lessons.

Our swimming pool is very important to my family and the community. The renovations would mean a lot to everyone in the community but also to our swim team. The new renovations would make it possible for us to host our own swim meets which is something that hasn't been possible for many years. It would be fun for friends and family to be able to see us compete. It would even give us more room for lap swimmers.

In conclusion, this would help the pool in many, many ways! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ellie Douglas
Toledo Summer Swim Team – The Waves