

Dear Chairs Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, & Rayfield, & members of the committee:

My name is Sandi Williams and have lived in Toledo, Oregon for over 30 years. I am a former teacher in Toledo at Mary Harrison Elementary, Arcadia Elementary, and Toledo Elementary and Middle School as well as other schools in Lincoln County. I'm also a former principal in Lincoln County schools. I am writing in full support of the Toledo Greater Aquatic and Community Center. Toledo is next to water, alongside the banks of Yaquina River. It's also within minutes of streams, lake and ocean. Students and adults in the East area of Lincoln County learn critical life saving water safety at the Toledo pool. I have taken swimming lessons at the Toledo pool. It's where I take my grandchildren to swim. The Toledo pool is where we go to learn life saving skills, recreate, and come together as community. The Greater Toledo Aquatic & Community Center will greatly benefit the entire East area of Lincoln County. Toledo residents have shown support for investing in the future by supporting the operation and maintenance of the current pool. But additional funding is urgently needed to develop a complex that will serve a broader community and future. Toledo is actively striving to increase community engagement in many ways; to revitalize involvement at all levels for all ages. The Community Center, as part of this project, would be an asset as meeting place and to further engage and involve community members. Please help us grow our community by supporting funding allocation for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. Thank you for your consideration of this needed funding. It's very important to me and to our East Lincoln County residents and visitors.