

Dear Chairs Girod and Holvey, and members of the committee:

This is a letter in support of the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center funding.

My name is Virginia Tardaewether and I live on the Yaquina River near Toledo.

I swam in the Toledo pool as a high school swim team member. Both of my parents exercised there well into their 80s, and I joined them later in their lives. My dad, Rex Krabbe, relied on the pool to keep himself moving. He said, "You come to the pool kind of dragging, and you go home hopping."

My daughter and her child now swim in the same pool. The Greater Toledo pool is kept at warmer temperatures than most pools, which is so much better for the elderly and youngsters.

Trust me, the pool needs upgrades and is a struggle to maintain. We need assistance for major renovations, as local folks are paying all they can for the operation and maintenance property tax they voted for in 2017.

Please help us keep the pool alive and functioning for all the community. These types of healthy venues are so important for the spirit and wellness of our state's small rural communities. The Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center is a vital part of a quality life in Lincoln County, especially to East County.

Sincerely,

Virginia Tardaewether