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

My name is Rod Cross, and I am the Mayor of the City of Toledo. I am writing to you today in support of funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

The Greater Toledo Pool serves all of East Lincoln County, including the City of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, and the Eddyville and Logsden Communities. As you know, our area is rich with recreational activities that being on near water is an essential part. With over 13,000 visits a year (pre-COVID), and extensive swimming classes for young and old alike, the pool provides a valuable community service that cannot be duplicated.

The Greater Toledo Pool has expanded its offerings to include necessary SCUBA training for both professionals and amateurs. Seniors, like myself, utilize the pool for exercise and life enrichment that only a pool environment can provide.

Thank you for considering this needed funding for the required renovations and renewal of our pool which will become the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

Sincerely,

Rod Cross, Mayor City of Toledo