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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure: SB5506

Dear Oregon Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to request that the Ways and Means committee supports funding for the Ontario Recreation (Pool Project) Department. The Ontario Recreation program is a huge resource for our small Eastern Oregon community. In addition to benefiting our children, this funding would also benefit our entire community. Swim lessons for several rural communities, water aerobics programming for seniors and differently abled people as well.

My children (28,30 and 32) utilized the swim lessons and all the Rec classes as children. They became great swimmers. That was then... Now we have almost an entire generation of non-swimmers, for most areas in our state that wouldn't be a problem. However, in Malheur County there is very little recreation that doesn't involve water. We have deprived these kids of the ability to save themselves or others in a water emergency, but more importantly, we have deprived them of the joy of swimming. We need water aerobics for our seniors, water exercise provides exercise without damaging, or causing pain in their joints. Please support the Ontario Recreation Department's Pool Project!

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of our community.  
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