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I was born and raised in Corvallis and spent many years living in different parts of the country before returning 11 years ago to raise my children. I came back to Corvallis because of the wholesome, family-centered lifestyle this community offers—something truly special and increasingly rare.

The Osborn Aquatic Center has played a vital role in our family's life. It's been more than just a place to swim; it's been a cornerstone for physical health, social development, and community connection for both of my children, now ages 12 and 6. Its closure has had a devastating impact on our family, as I know it has for many others.

The cost to repair and reopen Osborn is simply too great for our local community to bear on its own. I urge the Legislature to allocate the necessary funds to restore this critical public resource. Doing so will not only revive an essential community asset, but also reaffirm the value we place on the well-being of Oregon families and children.

Respectfully submitted,

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