

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

My name is Mary Kelly, and I live near Siletz in the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District. Thank you for reading my testimony today in support of the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

The pool fulfills a great many needs in our community. It is used by many for exercise and relaxation. Families use the pool for playtime with their families. The pool has support classes for exercise, and swimming classes for school age children.

My recent experience with the pool staff was incredible. I went to the pool for exercising my knee after surgery. The staff was aware of this and kept a close eye on me to make sure I was safe. The next time I went in, they made sure that I had my requested lane, and the float tube I was using was waiting for me on my chair. I had a few incidences getting in and out of my chair, and there was always someone to assist me. They held doors open and walked me to my car.

My worst incident was getting out of the pool, cold, and shaking like a leaf. I attribute it to my health. Pool staff were so concerned that a female lifeguard took me to a hot shower and helped me dress. I vomited outside, and the Director came out to make sure I could drive home. That afternoon, I received phone calls from both the Director and a lifeguard, checking up on me. Two weeks after, the lifeguard called again. Their outreach and support shows the best in our small community.

Please support our pool and provide a Capital Construction grant for a renewed Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

Thank you.
Mary Kelly