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Good Afternoon,

As always, thank you for your service to our community and for your thoughtful consideration of the challenging decisions that lie ahead of you. I'm writing today regarding Capital Improvement Project unfunded item 554, as a 25 year resident of the Northside with two young children to ask you to save our community pool.

The Northside Community Pool is an asset to our working class Northside neighborhoods. It provides us reprieve from ever increasing summer temperatures, an outlet for healthy physical activity, community, and most importantly, a safe place for our children to be.

With the North Branch Library open only 12 hours per week, Northside youth need safe places to be in the summer that they can reasonably walk or bike to. Youth with too much time and too little supervision tend to be more likely to get themselves hurt or in trouble, and the pool offers safety, supervision, and a great way to expend excess energy with healthy movement.

To me, this pool is important public safety infrastructure that helps keep our Northside children and families safe, active, and connected during summer months. Closing this pool will increase the burden on struggling Northside families, lead to overcrowding at the remaining pools, and add increased traffic and wear and tear to our rough roads with folks having to drive to an activity they otherwise could have walked or biked to.

Thank you,

Joella Striebel