

I have worked for Salem Cinema for nearly 30 years. It is my life, my livelihood, but also my passion. It is so much more than just a space on a corner to go and watch movies. It is a community organization that supports a commitment to culture, art, diversity, education, and inclusion as well as entertainment. It is going to take months, if not years, to recover from the devastation of closing due to Covid-19. I urge you to support HB 3376 and award grants to operators of movie theaters who have been so severely impacted by this pandemic. Our community will never be the same without them and the unique contributions they offer.