

I strongly support this bill and urge your adoption. Our local theaters, Salem Cinema in particular, have been seriously financially impacted by the pandemic, and they can use our help. They have been shut down for the past year, yet they have still had to cope with mortgage payments, utilities, insurance, and other costs during this time. Although they are allowed to open now, their capacity is 50% or less and does not begin to allow them to cover their overhead, and especially does not allow them to catch up with the debt they have incurred during their shutdown. Any help that can be given to them is greatly needed, and this bill would be greatly appreciated by theaters who are struggling to stay alive.