

This is a letter in support of grant assistance for movie theaters. Salem Cinema has been a valuable member of the Salem Community for decades. This independent movie theater not only provides independent films that enrich our lives diverse perspectives of stories both fictional and factual. Salem Cinema partners with community members to bring important issues to light, like homelessness and mental health, with events that include panel conversations. The grants for live performance venues is a huge boost for local and national venues. However, it does not include movie theaters that have been equally burdened by the COVID19 shutdown. I urge you to support our movie theaters, especially the independent movie houses.