

Chair Lively and members of the committee,

My name is LeAnn Nakvasil. I am testifying today on behalf of the theater supply business that my husband and I run, and my father's movie theater business, which operates theaters in Scappoose, Madras, Canby and Portland. Our family has been in the cinema business for over 50 years.

2020 was supposed to be one of our busiest and most successful years. Unfortunately, in March 2020 we had to close our doors with an unknown date to return.

It was a catastrophic impact that was made harder by the fact that movie theaters were hit with more extreme guidelines than similar industries and in any other state. For example, unlike restaurants and live performance venues, we could not serve food at any level of re-opening.

The shutdown had a ripple effect on other businesses. Movie theater businesses are a cornerstone for many shopping malls and businesses. Other vendors were impacted too. Our supply company lost 96% of its business income due to the shutdown. Theater business was down 80% in 2020. We have struggled to reopen in a viable way, which has hurt our ability to provide stability for our employees.

We understand and respect the need to protect public health, but now we are asking you to give us a lifeline. This is a really hard and humbling thing to ask, but we need your help to just survive and get started back up on our feet as businesses and as an industry.

Theaters need these funds to help them replace inventory, address maintenance on unused equipment and buildings and help provide resources for staffing.

At this point in time, my father is spending thousands of his personal funds every single month to keep his facilities up and running. We can't just shut this equipment down because if we do, it can literally destroy equipment that costs hundreds of thousands and to replace. One of our theaters had the power shut off and it caused damage to a projector that cost over \$5,000 to replace. This comes from money of which we don't have. We are unable to show movies to people that we can't serve. We are also under obligation to pay loans for vehicles, equipment, and rent during all of this.

We are asking for a lifeline to help save our theaters, our staff, and our lives. Every theater operator in the state of Oregon is counting on you. Please don't let us down. Thank you.