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March 24th, 2021

Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express the support of the City of Sisters for HB 3376. The Sisters Movie House has been in operation for over fifteen years and is a community staple for both residents and area visitors. Unfortunately, in March 2020 they had to close their 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. The Sisters Movie House has now not opened and operated for over a year.

We completely understand and respect the need to protect public health, but we are asking you to give the theatres a financial lifeline. Theaters need these funds to help them replace inventory, address maintenance on unused equipment and buildings, and help provide resources for staffing.

The Sisters Movie house is at a critical point and HB 3376 is vital to its survival. The City Council asks for your support on moving HB 3376 forward.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Preedin

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