

I am an avid supporter of Salem Cinema and other independent theaters. The community has supported the Cinema, but it has not been enough. Unlike most other businesses, theaters experienced a total shutdown for nearly a year. Theaters were not included in the \$25 million that went to live performance venues last year. Theaters face a long road to recovery without new film product and capacity restrictions. Even with greater capacity allowances (50% and above), theaters will still be limited to roughly 25% capacity due to 6' social distancing requirements. Funds are needed to help address fixed costs incurred while theaters were required to be closed and capital expenses related to re-opening. Please pass HB3376 - Salem Cinema offers a wonderful theater experience for me and others in Salem who value independent movies. THANK YOU.