

I am the manager of the Madras Cinema 5 in Central Oregon.

I feel qualified to testify that the pandemic has caused great hardships for our cinema and others throughout the state. The restrictions imposed on normal theater operations are understandable, but there has been an oversight in certain aspects of state relief to be coupled with said restrictions. Our continued existence is due primarily to the help of our community, that has continued to help keep us afloat in our current crippled state of operation. We would greatly appreciate any state effort to extend aid to our industry, which has slipped through many relief programs that are offered to similar businesses, such as restaurants.

The staff of the theater, the management, and our patrons appreciate your consideration of this issue.