

To: Oregon House Committee on Protection and Recovery
Re: Written Testimony for Salem Cinema
Date: 3/24/21

I have been an avid supporter of Salem Cinema since it first opened at the Pringle Park location many years ago. The Broadway Street venue has been truly a gem in the cultural/entertainment options menu in Salem! To have an independent film venue of this quality in our community has saved us many drives to Portland to see foreign and art house films. As we know, it has been an incredible financial challenge during the pandemic for Salem Cinema. Many of us have done what we could to keep it afloat, and Loretta Miles and her staff have shown proactivity and creativity in trying to meet these challenges. Much more is needed for this beloved business to survive, and my fervent hope is that the Committee will allocate funds to assist in its full recovery.

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