

Subject: Oregon Business Development Department to develop and implement a program to award grants to operators of movie theaters that had to close their operations due to public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

We very much support the idea of grants being provided to these community entertainment venues.

In particular, since moving to Salem in 1996, we have benefited greatly from the high quality films offered by Salem Cinema and have valued it as a major entertainment and cultural resource and Salem attraction. As well, other movie theaters can also be considered as important community entertainment resources but Salem Cinema has consistently provided the cinematic fare that we prefer and treasure. The community would suffer a great cultural loss if it were ever to have to close.

Thank you for your consideration,

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