

Committee members,

I would like to encourage you to vote in favor of giving financial support to movie theaters in our state that have contributed to the health and safety of our communities by closing their doors for the past year. They may never be able to recover without your support.

Salem Cinema has had fund raisers, sold popcorn and had on line showings of movies to attempt to stay in business. Even with those measures they have not been able to meet their financial needs.

Salem Cinema brings diverse films to Salem and focuses on films that inspire thoughtful, engaged responses in their audiences.

I lived and worked in Salem for five years and Salem Cinema made me feel I was part of a caring community. I brought friends from Portland, McMinnville, and out of town to see films presented there. They were always impressed by this gem of a theater.

I urge you to consider how important this type of art theater is to the community as a whole in providing an outlet for independent films that inspire connection, inclusion, and understanding in our community.

Thank you for your service to Oregon.

Lori King.