

I am writing in support of HB 3376, with respect to providing grants to public movie theaters. Theaters have been hit particularly cruelly by the restrictions necessitated by the CoVid Virus. Even while other businesses have been given some latitude to help them continue operating during the pandemic, theaters have had to remain closed. Providing support grants will enable some to pay major bills in which they are in arrears, and again open to serve the public.

I am especially aware of the value of our few LOCALLY-owned cinemas, like the Salem Cinema, It has for years provided not only high-level cinema, but has been a true PARTNER in our community, sponsoring and serving as a venue for a wide variety of healthy and family-related activities. Assistance to a Theatre like Salem Cinema is not only supporting an important and unique local business, but is making a major contribution to our Salem/Salem-area community.

THANK YOU for your consideration.

Sincerely, William Dalton (& Family)