

Members of the committee,

Thank you for taking the time and allowing me to submit this.

My name is LeAnn Nakvasil.

I am testifying on behalf of the theater supply business that my husband Chuck Nakvasil Jr and I own and operate. I am also speaking on behalf of my father in law Chuck Sr.

Our family has been in the theater business for over 50 years. We operate 2 small theaters in the Portland area. We also operate theaters in Canby, Madras, and Scappoose.

In addition I am speaking on behalf of multiple local theater owners of which could not be here tonight. Many of us have been shut down by the public health guidelines for quite some time. We now need your help to re-open. The fear many of us have is that will have to shut down permanently.

Movie theaters are valued by the communities in which we reside. In every town, we are a cornerstone for other businesses like restaurants and downtown centers. When people go out to the movies, often times they will go out to dinner, or grab a sweet treat afterwards.

2020 was supposed to be one of our biggest and most successful years. We had to close our doors with an unknown date to return.

What made things even harder was that theaters were hit with more extreme guidelines than similar industries. For example, unlike restaurants and live performance venues, we could not serve food at any level of re-opening.

The financial impact to our businesses has been catastrophic. Our supply company lost 96% of our business income last year. Things don't look too promising in the near future either. We have struggled to reopen in a viable way, which has also hurt our ability to provide stability for our employees.

While we completely understand and respect the decisions made to protect public health, our entire industry is in dire need of a lifeline.

At this point in time, we are spending thousands of personal funds every single month to keep our facilities up and running. Some theater owners have put their entire retirement, homes, and beyond on the line to keep their noses above water. These funds won't last forever, many of us will drowned unless we receive help. We can't just shut down everything down. If we do, it can literally destroy equipment that costs hundreds of thousands and to replace. One of our theaters had the power shut off and it caused damage to a projector that cost over \$5,000 to replace. This comes from money of which we don't have. We are unable to show movies to people that we can't serve. We are also under obligation to pay loans for equipment, rent on buildings, and many other bills.

Please include the provisions of HB 3376 be included in SB 5555 for state funding or that we be funded through the federal allocation.

We are asking for a lifeline to help save our theaters, our staff, and our lives. Every theater operator in the state of Oregon is counting on you. Please don't let us down. Thank you.