

April 21, 2021

Hello,

I just wanted to take a brief moment to implore you to consider supporting SB5555. Specifically, we hope to encourage as much funding as is reasonable to allow Salem Cinema to cover, in part, the expense to re-open after over a year of shut-down due to COVID.

They proceeded with caution and approached their community to help keep them from drowning completely. And the community stepped up and offered what we were able. I feel incredibly proud to be part of a community that supports the arts. I think it is one of the things that makes Salem AWESOME.

Please consider:

-Salem Cinema was not included in the 25 million that went to other live performance venues.

-They had to stay closed for an entire year due to proximity of patrons and best practice under the circumstances.

Our community needs to support small business to keep our town thriving and in this case we've done our part, but it's not enough. We are relying on you, our elected officials to also value what these business owners bring to our small town- a unique and creative voice that keeps us engaged in a broader world view.

Thank you for your time and efforts to make hard decisions every day. We all want the very best and this has been an incredibly challenging time to say the least.

Jodi Trammell