

I was born and raised in Salem. I saw my first film at the Salem Cinema when I was a senior in high school and have been a lover of arthouse films ever since then.

As you all know, it has been a tragic year on so many fronts, but today I am here to ask you to please pass this bill and help keep the world of film and the theaters that play them, alive. It is my fervent hope that every Oregonian gets to experience the big screen with childlike wonder and glee -- like so many of us have been blessed to do.

This past year there've been so many sad stories of businesses having to close their doors forever as a result of this pandemic; the art and arthouse community cannot afford to lose such valuable institutions.

Thank you for your time,

Timothy C. King