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We are writing in support of SB 5555 and, specifically, in support of independent movie theaters such as the Salem Cinema.

We drive from McMinnville regularly to see quality movies at Salem Cinema and were adrift when the theater experienced a total shutdown for nearly a year.

**Salem Cinema has struggled mightily during the pandemic (we supported their streaming movies and fund raising) and now faces a long road ahead with limited capacity seating. They are doing everything they can and must do to re-open safely to admit an eager viewing public.**

Movie theaters have been overlooked in the relief aid programs and are now limited to 25% capacity. They face a long road to recovery with financial assistance.

Salem cannot lose this community venue! They have incurred fixed costs during closure and capital expenses to prepare for re-opening. This independent theater depends on its own funding, not that of a faceless theater conglomerate showing commercial movies.

**Please help this local treasure to remain in business.**

Thank you,

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