

I'm writing in support of financial help for movie theaters, specifically Salem Cinema, a small and independently owned and operated theater here in Salem. Salem Cinema has been a part of the heart and soul of Salem's film and art community for almost 40 years now, and would easily be here for 40 more if not for the pandemic that has closed too many doors. They have battled and fought not only the pandemic, but indifferent landlords, state mandates that open and close their doors without warning and have so far survived, but need help to continue to survive and fill the financial void of 1 year of closure. Lost revenue. Unplayable rent and utilities. But they still stand, so for the city and the people who have helped make Salem Cinema such a large part of everyone's lives, please help to support them.