

I am writing in support of SB 5555 and am particularly in favor of money being allocated to support movie theaters such as Salem Cinema. Salem Cinema is a valuable community resource. I have supported this business for years. During the pandemic I have supported it through virtual events. It faces a long road to recovery with limited capacity. Funds are desperately needed to keep this theater from shutting down permanently. Movie theaters have experienced a total shutdown for nearly a year.

- ? Movie theaters were not included in the \$25 million that went to live performance venues last year
- ? Movie theaters have largely been overlooked in the relief aid programs
- ? Movie theaters face a long road to recovery without new film product and with capacity restrictions. Even with greater capacity allowances (50% and above), theaters will still be limited to roughly 25% capacity due to 6' social distancing requirements
- ? Funds are desperately needed to help address fixed costs incurred while movie theaters were required to be closed
- ? Movie theaters have incurred costly capital expenses related to re-opening

Thank you for your consideration.

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