

Greetings,

I write this in strong support of bill SB 5555. I do so because there is a business in my community of Salem, namely Salem Cinema, that I consider to be a big part of why I love living in Salem. Salem Cinema has been very negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, like so many theaters and cinemas. But I absolutely love going to see movies there. The experience always transports me for 2 hours or so to another world and get educated, enlightened, or just plain entertained. We all need diversions like this in the midst of this pandemic and all the other craziness in the world right now. I know I would feel a tremendous sense of loss if Salem Cinema were to go out of business because of the necessary restrictions on people gathering indoors. Businesses like Salem Cinema really, really need help so that they can survive and, when conditions permit, continue to provide first-class entertainment. Please pass SB 5555!!

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