

Hello,

I am the owner of 2 historic theatres in Oregon. They are both single screens. They are very important gathering places for their communities. They provide the surrounding business with customer traffic flow that is much appreciated. Historically if these theatres fail so does the neighborhood they reside in. To say it has been a tough year is a gross understatement. The Columbia Theatre in St Helens Oregon has close to 400 seats that I am currently allowed to let 50 people into. The Mt Hood Theatre in Gresham Oregon has close to 800 seats. I am currently allowed 100 customers. For both theatres this customer restriction means that we are barely breaking even. We will not be able to do this much longer. We were able to sell "drive up concessions" at both locations. This is because we have very generous and understanding neighbors. We can not ask them to continue letting us take all the street parking for an indefinite period of time. There are other grants out there but they all have restrictions and for most of the grants we seem to fall through the cracks. The Shuttered Venue Grant is great but we sold drive up concessions. We may not fall within their 90% revenue loss. We may be able to get the grant at a later date, but we may not.

The people of Oregon have always supported these historic one screen theatres (I believe we have more of them still running than any other state.) I am asking that you reflect that by passing this bill that would help us to stay open. Our fight for survival will be longer than most, due to movie releases etc. We will need help if we are going to make it. Oregon would not be the same place without these unique and valuable theatres.

Thank you for your time.