

## Hood River Cinemas

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To Whom It May Concern;

The last 12 months have been devastating. Sales are down 97% compared to the 12 months prior. All our theater employees are gone. We have no guarantee that "normal operations," will return anytime soon. The goalpost has moved so many times that we really have no clear picture when, or even if, we can open and cover costs let alone make a profit.

Yet, overhead bills still keep coming in. We still pay for rent/mortgage, insurance, utilities, and general mantainance on our facilities. While the federal government approved the SVOG program in December, they have yet to open the application process. We are desperate need assistance.

We are not one to look for handouts. We have been in the movie theater business for over 25 years. We have hired 100's of people, brought countless young people into the working world, and supported our local community proudly. But, we will not be here in 6 months without some form of assistance. We hope you will pass this grant program and ensure our survival. We are all going to need some form of escape when the world turns right side up again. Movies have always provided a communal experience. One where we can cry, shed at tear, and hopefully laugh once more.

Sincerely,

William A. McElderry President Skylight Entertainment Inc.