

To: Oregon House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Re: Grants for Movie Theaters in Oregon

Date: March 23, 2021

I am writing in support of a proposal to set up a fund to help movie theaters around the state to recover and survive. I am particularly interested in seeing tax money go to smaller, independent theaters like my favorite movie house, Salem Cinema. I am a retiree and love quality movies and documentaries. Our local Salem theater makes these available to us and has for the past 39 years. This year's pandemic has severely threatened their continued existence and I assume this is true for all the other theaters around the state. To that end, I've joined with many others to make a monthly contribution to keep Salem Cinema alive and I hope that the Oregon legislature will find movie theaters and their staff and patrons worthy of finance support.

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