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During the COVID shutdown, movie theaters were forced to close. Now, they are given the option to re-open at a significantly reduced capacity. Many other forms of business have received assistance, be it from federal aid, or local such as restaurants switching to a curbside or take out only offering. Movie theaters have had their bills piling up this entire time with no specific aid for them, where other live venues did receive specific aid. There are giant corporations who distribute movies that make millions of dollars, but more importantly there are smaller, locally owned theaters that showcase films that don't have multi million dollar ad campaigns. These businesses are hurting more than ever and we have the opportunity to do something about it. Before COVID happened, going to the movies was one of the most frequent ways to relax and spend some time and money to experience something that could entertain you or move you or give you a different perspective on the world. We shouldn't be allowing this important part of our world to possibly disappear for good. Please keep these doors open. It's important for our communities. It's important for our mental health. It's important for generations to come.