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Dear House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity,

I am writing in support of Salem Cinema as a grant recipient of HB 3376.

Salem Cinema is an oasis in our city for people who value the ability to view independent films made around the world. Almost always, these films are unavailable anywhere else in this area, as our other theaters show only mainstream films. Pre-Covid, my husband and I attended film showings at Salem Cinema about once a week. We enjoy the intimate setting of the smaller theaters within Salem Cinema and find that the audience members are consistently more considerate than those we experience at larger theaters. Because of Salem Cinema, our world view has expanded as we have watched films made by citizens of so many countries outside of the U.S. We feel that we have a greater knowledge of other cultures and a better understanding of how universal the human experience is because of the opportunity to watch these films.

If HB 3376 passes, Salem Cinema, as a small independent movie theater, would be a highly valuable business for you to support.

Thank you.

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