I am writing in SUPPORT of Salem Cinema receiving a much-needed grant to keep it open. My husband and I have enjoyed the diverse selection of movies shown by Salem Cinema since we moved here in 2005. After having enjoyed a plethora of international films from our previous home area, we were so excited to see similar offerings from Salem Cinema. As someone who spent over 45 years living in a large and diverse metropolitan area prior to moving to Salem, I know how IMPORTANT AWARENESS OF A VARIETY OF CULTURES is to ANY COMMUNITY. Salem Cinema promotes this awareness & understanding in the Willamette Valley by showing films from around the world. We sincerely hope that Salem Cinema can continue to do so for decades to come!