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To: The House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity:

I am writing on behalf of Salem Cinema Movie Theatre in Salem, Oregon. We moved to Salem in 1994 and have been attending movies at Salem Cinema since that time. The arts have taken a real beating during COVID and it is more important than ever that we support our arts community as we move forward. Salem Cinema is unique in that they not only show movies from large mainstream studios but also from small production company studios with limited marketing capabilities. The only place to see many of these highly acclaimed unique movies is at Salem Cinema. My family and I consider Salem Cinema a treasure and worth saving as so many other small businesses have been saved because of government funded grants.

Please consider funding a program that not only helps Salem Cinema but all movies theatres that have lost a years' worth of business due to Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Brenda Kidder