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Committee House Finance
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Registered	Bill Number	First Name	Last Name	Position on Bill
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Counties & Commissioners across Colorado working to provide a unified, nonpartisan and independent voice at the statehouse.

November 30, 2020

To the Honorable Members of the Colorado General Assembly

CCAT applauds the bipartisan legislative leadership in bringing forward a package of bills to help Coloradans most impacted by the COVID crisis.

Counties are on the front line of the pandemic response and see firsthand the extreme challenges and hardships faced by a broad range of citizens. We stand ready to partner with state leaders to ensure these much-needed resources are offered with fidelity across Colorado.

CCAT urges legislators to pass bills providing aid in the following areas:

Small Business Relief – Small, locally owned businesses are the backbone of Colorado’s economy and communities. These very industries are among the hardest hit by the pandemic causing further strain on their employees and public support programs.

Support SB 20B-001, COVID-19 Relief Small & Minority Businesses Arts Organizations.

Child Care Support – Colorado’s economic recovery depends on access to stable, high quality, and affordable childcare so citizens can continue to work during the pandemic. This critical resource is threatened as childcare providers are among the hardest hit with revenues severely strained by plummeting enrollment and increased expenses to ensure adequate safety protocols.

Support House Bill 20B-1002, Emergency Relief Programs for Child Care Sector

Housing & Direct Rental Assistance – As the economic strain of the pandemic continues, more Coloradans are increasingly vulnerable to eviction or foreclosure. Arguably the most fundamental function of government is to ensure families have a safe, warm, and habitable place to live to weather the pandemic and resulting economic crisis.

Support Senate Bill 20B-002, Housing and Direct COVID Emergency Assistance.

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November 25, 2020

Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado
200 East Colfax, 2nd Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: COVID Relief Grant Program with CARES Act Funds for Colorado Movie Theater Operators

Dear Governor Polis:

I write today on behalf of Colorado movie theater operators to ask for your support, as the Colorado General Assembly convenes their special session on COVID-19 relief, to provide crucial relief to our industry. Many beloved movie theaters across the state are in danger of being lost forever.

We desperately need help and want to ensure that the movie theater operators are not overlooked during discussions you are having with policy and lawmakers. We know the General Assembly is being asked by your office to establish financial relief packages that will provide direct aid to businesses that have been impacted by COVID-forced closures. **We are asking your assistance in requesting that any funding set aside include dollars dedicated to the movie exhibition industry. It is important to note the latest state grant program being implemented by the Colorado Office of Film, Television & Media, the [Rural Theaters COVID-19 Support Initiative](#), unfortunately will not help the majority of the state's movie theater industry.**

Colorado is home to 75 movie theater operators, with 121 movie theater locations spread throughout 80 Colorado communities, which prior to the pandemic, operated 788 screens. It is estimated that these locations together directly contribute approximately \$375 million per year in gross revenue to Colorado's economy. **As an example, if a movie theater relief program granted \$10,000 per screen, the grant program would require a maximum of \$8 million to fund the program.** Similar programs using CARES Act funds have been already implemented in [Kansas](#), [Iowa](#), [Wisconsin](#) and [Montana](#). Without a critically needed relief package, many theaters will be forced to close their doors for good by the end of this year.

Movie theaters have been severely distressed during the COVID-19 health crisis, having been forced to close for months across Colorado. Theaters were not considered essential businesses and were not allowed to open for months before finally receiving the go ahead to open at very limited capacity. The unfortunate combination of re-closures in some counties, capacity restrictions and COVID health concerns have made generating revenue nearly impossible. Additionally, the movie studios have delayed the release of the most popular films far into the future, leaving our cinemas without access to new movies for our audiences. As of this writing, most new releases will probably not arrive until at least April 2021.

During this time, operators continue to have fixed costs such as rent, utilities, insurance, and property taxes, while unable to earn any revenue. For most operators, theater revenues year-to-date are down 70 to 80% as compared to 2019.

Some theaters made the decision not to reopen because without new movies it can actually cost more to be open than to remain closed. This situation is not due to any fault of our theaters or the health of our industry. Even for the healthiest of industries, eight or more months without the opportunity to generate revenue would leave most businesses in an unsustainable position.



Before the pandemic, the movie exhibition industry directly employed over 3,000 Coloradans, and thousands more in companies that support and supply our industry. Movie theaters provide vital first-time employment opportunities and are an important cultural and economic cornerstone for the communities they serve. However, the impact of COVID-19 has movie theater owners and employees, and the vendors who rely on them, left struggling to survive.

We appreciate your dedicated service through this trying time and look forward to working with you to provide the best possible outcome for cinema operators, their patrons and the communities they serve.

We hope you will consider providing immediate relief to our industry, to help ensure that moviegoing continues to be a great source of entertainment for generations to come, and so that movie theaters can continue to provide an economic anchor to Main Streets across Colorado.

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to a Zoom meeting where we can discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane C. Eve".

Diane Eve

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Following pages – List of movie theater operators and locations

Colorado Movie Theater Name	City	Number of Screens
4 Mile Cinemas	Canon City	4
88 Drive In	Commerce City	1
Alamo Drafthouse / Alamo Littleton 7	Littleton	7
Alamo Drafthouse / Alamo Westminster 9 with Big Show PLF	Westminster	9
Alamo Drafthouse / Sloans Lake 8	Denver	6
Allen Theatres / Durango 9	Durango	9
Allen Theatres / Fiesta Twin	Cortez	2
Allen Theatres / Gaslight Twin	Durango	2
AMC Arapahoe Crossings 16 with IMAX, Dolby	Aurora	16
AMC Bowles Crossing 12	Littleton	12
AMC Brighton 12	Brighton	12
AMC Castle Rock 12	Castle Rock	12
AMC Chapel Hills 13 with Dolby	Colorado Springs	13
AMC CLASSIC Fort Collins 10	Fort Collins	10
AMC DINE-IN Cherry Creek 8	Denver	8
AMC DINE-IN Southlands 16	Aurora	16
AMC Flatiron Crossing 14 with IMAX, Dolby	Broomfield	14
AMC Highlands Ranch 24 with IMAX, Dolby	Highlands Ranch	24
AMC Orchard 12 with IMAX	Westminster	12
AMC Twenty Mile 10	Parker	10
AMC Westminster 24 with IMAX, Dolby, Prime	Westminster	24
Animas City Theatre	Durango	1
Avalon Theatre	Grand Junction	1
Bow Tie Cinemas / Movieland 7	Carbondale	7
Brenden Rifle 7	Rifle	7
Capitol	Springfield	1
Capitol Theatre	Eagle	6
Cascade Entertainment / Fox 3	Montrose	3
Cascade Entertainment / San Juan 2	Montrose	2
Cinemark / Carefree Circle 16 + IMAX	Colorado Springs	17
Cinemark / Century 16	Boulder	16
Cinemark / Century 16 Bel Mar + XD	Lakewood	16
Cinemark / Century Aurora + XD	Aurora	16
Cinemark / Cinemark 12	Greeley	12
Cinemark / Cinemark 16	Fort Collins	16
Cinemark / Cinemark Movie Bistro and XD	Fort Collins	9
Cinemark / Tinseltown 14	Pueblo	14
Cinemark / Tinseltown 20 + XD	Colorado Springs	20
Cliff Theatre	Wray	1
Comanche Drive In Theatre	Buena Vista	1
Cover 4	Fort Morgan	4
Cozy Castle Cinema	Saguache	1
Crystal Theatre	Carbondale	1
Dairy Center for the Arts	Boulder	1
Denver Mart Drive In	Denver	1
Egyptian Theatre	Delta	1
Egyptian Theatre / Tru Vu Drive In	Delta	1
Elvis 6	Littleton	6
Elvis 8	Arvada	8
Flagler Theatre	Flagler	1
Fox 5 Theatre	Sterling	5
Fox Theatre Walsenburg	Walsenburg	1

Colorado Movie Theater Name	City	Number of Screens
Fox Twin	La Junta	2
Gold Hills Twin	Woodland Park	2
Grand Theatre	Rocky Ford	1
Harkins / Arvada 14	Arvada	14
Harkins / Northfield 18	Denver	18
Hippodrome Arts Centre	Julesburg	1
Historic Park Theatre	Estes Park	1
Historic Park Theatre / Reel Mountain Theater	Estes Park	3
Holiday Twin Drive In	Fort Collins	2
Holly	Holly	1
Icon Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	14
Jones Theatre	Westcliffe	1
Kimball's Peak 3	Colorado Springs	3
Kress Cinema & Lounge	Greeley	1
Lamar	Lamar	1
Landmark / Chez Artiste 3	Denver	3
Landmark / Esquire 2	Denver	2
Landmark / Mayan 3	Denver	3
Landmark / The Landmark at Greenwood Village	Greenwood Village	6
Liberty Theater	Pagosa Springs	1
Lincoln Theatre	Limon	1
Mesa Drive In	Pueblo	1
Metropolitan Theatres / Isis	Aspen	1
Metropolitan Theatres / MetroLux 14	Loveland	14
Metropolitan Theatres / MetroLux Dine-In Theatres 7	Loveland	7
Metropolitan Theatres / Wild Horse Stadium 6	Steamboat Springs	6
Midway	Burlington	1
Mitchell Theatres / Skyline 8	Dillon	8
Mountaineer	Lake City	1
Movie Tavern Aurora by Marcus	Aurora	10
Nederland Backdoor Theater	Nederland	1
Nugget Theatre	Telluride	1
Paradise	Paonia	1
Peerless Theatre	Holyoke	1
Picture Show @ Citadel Crossing	Colorado Springs	8
Picture Show @ Grand Junction	Grand Junction	7
Plains Theater	Eads	1
REGAL / Canyon View Stadium 14	Grand Junction	14
REGAL / Cinebarre Boulder 11	Louisville	11
REGAL / Cinebarre Greenwood Plaza	Englewood	12
REGAL / Colorado Center 8 + IMAX	Denver	9
REGAL / Colorado Mills 16 + IMAX	Lakewood	16
REGAL / Continental 10 & RPX	Denver	10
REGAL / Interquest Stadium 14 & RPX	Colorado Springs	14
REGAL / Meadows 12	Littleton	12
REGAL / Pavilions 15	Denver	15
REGAL / River Point Stadium 14 & RPX	Sheridan	14
REGAL / SouthGlenn Stadium 14	Centennial	14
REGAL / Village at the Peaks 12 & RPX	Longmont	12
REGAL / West Village Stadium 12	Lakewood	12
Rialto Theater	Loveland	1
Riverwalk Theatre	Edwards	4

Colorado Movie Theater Name	City	Number of Screens
Roadhouse Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	8
Sands Theatre	Brush	1
Sie FilmCenter	Denver	3
Ski Hi 6	Alamosa	6
Sonora Cinemas	Aurora	8
Speakeasy Theatre	Breckenridge	1
Star DI	Monte Vista	1
Star DI	Montrose	1
The Colorado Chautauqua Association	Boulder	1
The Foundry Cinema & Bowl	Fraser	2
The Lyric	Fort Collins	2
Tiffany Plaza 6	Denver	6
Vali 3	Monte Vista	3
Wells Theatre	Cheyenne Wells	1
West Twin	Craig	2
Wheeler Opera House	Aspen	1
Yuma Theatre	Yuma	1
TOTAL SCREENS		788



Written Testimony in Strong Support of SB20B-001: Small Business Aid

My name is Karla Gonzales Garcia. I am the Policy Director for the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR). COLOR works to engage and empower the Latinx community to speak out about the policies that impacts our community. Together we are working to support the ability of Latinas and our families to build a future for ourselves and to live our lives with dignity.

The coronavirus pandemic is hitting small businesses hard. Many programs designed to help meet this need have not included or focused on the arts sector. We are pleased that SB20B-001, which aids local businesses, includes direct relief payments to arts, culture, artists, crew members and organizations in creative industries.

A recent study found that there are more than five million Americans who make their livelihoods in the broader arts and cultural sector across the country. We also know that the arts provide comfort, resilience, wisdom, and the means for self-expression and connection, perhaps even more so during challenging times such as these. In this troubled time, many of us have turned to music and film. We have painted and made our own creations. The arts have been a critical source of self-care and reassurance.

This bill also ensures that minority owned small businesses are provided with direct relief, grants, loans and technical assistance. A recent poll found that more than 40 percent of minority-owned small businesses have added new services to support their communities and employees. This is in spite of facing structural challenges and underlying economic fragility of underrepresented groups. We appreciate the attention to ensure that as we try to help local businesses keep their doors open that restaurants and stores owned by Black and Brown people are not left behind – and in fact receive specific, strategic investment.

We can't create true economic recovery without meeting the needs of the people we expect to frequent these local businesses. We would like to see more attention paid to meeting the needs of individuals and families who are truly hurting right now, but we are also pleased to see the multi-pronged approach taken by this bill to invest in the arts and minority owned businesses.

We urge you to support SB20B-001 while continuing to find innovative and strategic ways to support individuals. We need thriving businesses and families for a stable economy. It is a matter of ensuring financial stability, as well as the health and dignity of the people in our state. Thank you.

Submitted by: Karla Gonzales Garcia, Policy Director, Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR), 303-393-0382