

1 [Urging Congress to Pass Senate Bill No. 4258 (Cornyn, Klobuchar) - Save Our Stages Act of  
2 2020]

3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to expeditiously pass Senate Bill No.**  
4 **4258, the Save Our Stages Act, introduced by United States Senators John Cornyn and**  
5 **Amy Klobuchar, establishing a grant program and providing \$10 billion in aid to small**  
6 **live venue operators.**

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8 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic forced non-essential businesses to cease  
9 operations in March of 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, While some non-essential businesses have begun to slowly re-open,  
11 many entertainment venues across the country remain shuttered; and

12 WHEREAS, The Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)  
13 has failed to meet the needs of many venues and community theaters which will require long-  
14 term support and greater flexibility for the use of funds due to high overhead costs if they are  
15 going to survive the pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the National Independent Venues Association (NIVA), the  
17 live event industry is experiencing upwards of 90% revenue loss with venues and theaters  
18 predicted to remain closed well into 2021 due to safety concerns posed by large gatherings;  
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20 WHEREAS, Without support from Congress, 90% of NIVA's independent venues  
21 across America say they will be forced to close their doors forever; and

22 WHEREAS, According to an update of the [Controller's Office Economic Impact Study](#)  
23 in 2018, over 3,850 nightlife establishments in San Francisco employed over 63,000 workers,  
24 and generated an estimated \$7.2 billion for the city; and

1           WHEREAS, The permanent loss of independent venues and theaters will have  
2 tremendous economic impacts on the city of San Francisco and the country at large including  
3 not only the direct impact on venue owners and staff, but also the artists who perform at these  
4 venues, the companies and individuals that provide rentals and other services to these  
5 venues, the hospitality and tourism industry which relies on these venues for entertainment for  
6 their guests, the restaurants and bars that cater to those visiting these venues, taxi and ride-  
7 share companies and drivers, parking lots and parking attendants, and more; and

8           WHEREAS, On July 22, 2020, Senators John Cornyn and Amy Klobuchar introduced  
9 Senate Bill 4258, the Save Our Stages (SOS) Act which authorizes the Small Business  
10 Administration (SBA) to make grants to eligible live venue operators, producers, promoters, or  
11 talent representatives to address the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on these  
12 venues; and

13           WHEREAS, The SOS ACT specifies that the SBA may make 1) an initial grant of up to  
14 \$12 million dollars to an eligible operator, promoter, producer, or talent representative which  
15 must be used for costs incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, and 2)  
16 make a second supplemental grant that is equal to 50% of the initial grant and may be used  
17 for expenses incurred through June 30, 2021; and

18           WHEREAS, The SOS Act has bi-partisan support with 42 co-sponsors and  
19 appropriates \$10 billion of Federal funds to provide aid to these venues; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Congress to expeditiously support  
21 and pass the Save Our Stages Act of 2020; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
23 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Chuck Schumer and to  
24 House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.  
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