

Dear

For 28 years the Washington, DC International Film Festival (Filmfest DC) has enriched our city and our cultural life. Thousands of exceptional, award-winning films would never have been shown in the District were it not for Filmfest DC. Over the years, this annual spring event has attracted hundreds-of-thousands of attendees, brought thousands of international filmmakers to the District and contributed an untold amount to Washington's creative economy.

Now, due to financial pressures, Filmfest DC will have to close its doors. Please prevent this from happening!

Filmfest DC is unique in the cultural life of Washington, DC. It has re-defined the movie-event experience in the District of Columbia and its distinctive programs have had lasting impact on residents and visitors.

- Please prevent Washington's most important film festival from shutting down!
- Please prevent Washington's only international film festival from ending!
- Please ensure that Filmfest DC's financial future is strong!

Filmfest DC leaders have made it clear that without a significant input of new funding, Filmfest DC 2015 will not be able to take place. This would be a shame and great loss for our city. The size, diversity, and enthusiasm of the audiences that Filmfest DC brings together each year is not matched by any other festival.

We very much request your support for the Washington, DC International Film Festival.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,