

Senate Bill 431 - Maryland Sign Language Interpreters Act
sponsored by Senator King and Guzzone

Mister Chairman and Members of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee:

My name is Paige Motley, I am a hearing ally of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and/or Hard of Hearing communities and I live in Crofton, Maryland.

I am writing to ask you to support SB431 - Maryland Sign Language Interpreter Act of 2021 sponsored by Senator King and Guzzone.

This bill would require licensure for sign language interpreters working in the state of Maryland and help to ensure that members of the Deaf community have access to qualified interpreters. When unqualified interpreters are allowed to work unchecked, the impact on the communities they serve can be a matter of life or death. This bill provides both a mechanism for licensing interpreters and a means for relief in the form of a grievance process.

I urge you to support this important piece of legislation.

I am in my senior year of college about to graduate with a degree in Educational Interpreting. This is so important for my future career as an interpreter. I am a proud ally and stand with the Deaf community!

As a constituent, I ask you to please support SB431.

Sincerely,

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