

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is J. Hyph, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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I don't always understand the dialogue that is spoken by actors in the films but I do appreciate Open Captioning so that I can understand what was just said. Open Captioning helps all of us.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

J. Hyph
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is V. I. and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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I am someone who has no hearing problems, but I've found the need for English subtitles on English-dubbed works and in fact prefer it. I can't express how many times I've been in the theater and wished there were subtitles. Many characters speak with drawls, accents, and so much more and it is amazing to have these varied patterns of speech expressed on screen, but it would benefit everybody to have subtitles in the event that those speech patterns may be difficult to discern. It's similar to how some singers use a more slurred singing voice, and it can obscure the lyrics. It sounds beautiful, but it's even better when there are subtitles to absorb the lyrical content as well. Subtitles benefit everyone!

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

V. I.
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Shana Ilgenfritz and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Shana Ilgenfritz
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Noah Intner and I am a person with neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Noah Intner
Noah@intner.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kathy Iverson and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Kathy Iverson
kathyjoiverson@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Adela Jabine and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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I have stopped going to movies unless they are open captioned. None of the “closed captioning” devices offered by theaters work properly, and it makes moviegoing extremely frustrating. I went deaf as an adult, so I have fond and vivid memories of hearing movies. But it’s been 25 years since I could hear. I do have a cochlear implant but it doesn’t help with movies. Open captioning is useful for so many, not just us deaf.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Adela Jabine
abjabine@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Austin Jacks and I am Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Austin Jacks
austindavidjacks@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is April Jackson-Woodard and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

April Jackson-Woodard
AprJacks@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Angela Jackson, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Angela Jackson
amitchell514@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is E. Jacobowitz and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Captioning, not only for the Deaf & hearing challenged people, is an excellent tool for all children & adults to learn how to read. Save America's literacy!

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

E. Jacobowitz
drlynnjaco.aslstar@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sandra Jaffe, and I am Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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I believe so many would benefit from captions. I often miss or misunderstand a word and rely on TV closed captions to catch what I missed. So many benefits to making captioning available to all.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Sandra Jaffe
sandracjaffe@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kelly Jaksic, and I am Deaf, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. I live in Carroll County.

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Sincerely,

Kelly Jaksic
kajaksic@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kamilla Jakubowyc and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Kamilla Jakubowyc
k_joskowiak@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Donna Jameison and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Donna Jameison
jameisondonna@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Christopher Jappah and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Christopher Jappah
kjappah@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Michele Jaques and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Michele Jaques
Deafmom2017@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Heather Jennings and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Heather Jennings
Haty74@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tammy Jerrett, and I am Deaf. I live in Charles County.

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Open captions are better accessibility measures that contribute to creating environments where everyone feels accepted and can participate without unnecessary obstacles. Trying to get settled with assistive devices is challenging and time-consuming. The device is the glasses device. I wear glasses and to wear them on top of my glasses is not a comfortable feeling. Open captions not only benefit the Deaf community but can also enhance the overall experience for everyone, promoting a more accessible and comfortable environment.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Tammy Jerrett
tigeress588@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Keta Johnson and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Keta Johnson
Ketajohnson@pm.me

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rae Johnson and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Rae Johnson
raejohnson21@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jeffrey Johnston and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Johnston
johnstonji@verizon.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Wesley Johnston and I am Deaf. I live in St. Mary's County.

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There are two movie theaters in St. Mary's County. The last time I went to a movie, none of the captioning devices were charged or fully charged. Thus, I missed out on having an enjoyable experience with my daughters.

Additionally, last year, I was reported to the movie manager for having some kind of recording device during the movie. It was, in fact, a captioning device that I used during a movie and I missed the majority of the movie as a result of the investigation. No apology or credit was issued.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Wesley Johnston
DefTek@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Astrid Jones and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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I'm tired of having to go to Virginia and Washington, DC to watch Open Caption movies when I should be watching them in my State of Maryland.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Astrid Jones
lastboy26@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Doris Jones and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Doris Jones
dorisj778@verizon.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kathleen Jones and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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I am one of the movie customers who needs the open captions so I can attend the movies. I cannot lipread most of the time. If the bills are passed, the movie industry will make a good business.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Jones
meyerjones@aol.com

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My name is Laura Jones and I am Hearing. I live in Wicomico County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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I work for Deaf Independent Living Association, Inc. a nonprofit 501(c)3 Human Service agency that provides services to individuals that are deaf and hard of hearing that live in Maryland's nine Eastern Shore counties. Most of the time the closed captioning devices that are offered to the deaf and hard of hearing DO NOT work efficiently. With open captioned movies, it is much easier for them to watch and read without missing any of the action taking place. Everyone should be able to enjoy seeing the movies they like on the big screen at the theaters without hassle.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Laura Jones
laj_3@hotmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Evelien Josselin and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Open captioned movies allow us to go to the movies as a family. With multiple hard of hearing children, captioning devices often aren't available, malfunction and otherwise make the experience less enjoyable. As a non-native English speaker I prefer open captioned movies myself as well, but hesitate taking up a seat in a popular open captioned movie sometimes so as to not impede access to someone who really needs it. This is an important initiative that benefits so many, and enacting this law would mean more consistent access to captioning, instead of really depending on theater company decisions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Evelien Josselin
Evelien.josselin@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Heidi Joyner and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

I am writing to ask you to support **SB 92 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 92.

Sincerely,

Heidi Joyner
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February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Layanna Joyner and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Layanna Joyner
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February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tina Joyner, and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Tina Joyner
cowskins94@aol.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kolade Kalejaiye and I am Deaf.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Kolade Kalejaiye
jokocha10@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Simon Kallungal and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Simon Kallungal
skall1956@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Minar Kamdar and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Minar Kamdar
mkamdar4@aol.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Laurie Kantor and I am Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kantor
lckanter@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Adrian Kantor and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Adrian Kantor
akantor1976@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sarah Katz and I am Deaf.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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I'm a Virginia resident, but most of my immediate family lives in Maryland. On Saturday, I went to the AMC in Rio in Gaithersburg, Maryland, with my family to see *The Color Purple*. We checked that there were captions available beforehand. When I arrived, I requested a captioning device. I went into the theater, sat down, and realized that the captioning device didn't fit into the cupholder. It was very unstable. Then the movie began, and I noticed the captioning device had a very low battery. The guest services desk was far away, down a set of stairs, so I decided to enjoy the movie until the device ran out of battery. At some point, maybe 20 minutes into the movie, the captions froze in place. I went downstairs to ask for a replacement. After receiving a replacement, re-entering the theater, and returning to my seat, I realized that the second device was even worse than the first. It was even less stable and kept sliding away from me instead of staying in place. When I managed to get it to stay, the captions froze on the top, and half of the remainder of the captions appeared on the bottom. I waited in line to get a replacement. By the time it was my turn to have my needs addressed, I had already missed about 45 minutes of the movie, so I asked for a refund. Because I didn't personally purchase the ticket (my sister did), they gave me a re-admit pass for another movie in any AMC theater.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Sarah Katz
Sarahbea89gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Mary Keane and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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It is tiring to have to drive 1 or more hours just to see a movie with option captions. Not only that, oftentimes movie theaters offer option caption movies at inconvenient times-such as in late morning or early afternoon. This does not really give us flexibility. We have to resort to using the machines to watch movies of our choice of time, and the machines do not always work.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Mary Keane
MaryKeane93@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Chris Kearney and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Chris Kearney
amvasquez07@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Carol Keckler and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Washington County.

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Sincerely,

Carol Keckler
carol_keckler@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Brenda Kelly-Frey and I am Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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I appreciate having captions on at all times (at movie theaters as well as on my TV). There is ALWAYS noise which interferes with my ability to hear what the actors are saying. When captions are made available, I do not miss any of the dialogue.

Having adjunct equipment being provided by the theaters is NOT a solution. Most times the equipment is broken or not charged. Plus, it makes individuals using the equipment look strange. Having captions on the screen, will normalize the theater experience for EVERYONE.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Brenda Kelly-Frey
brendacfrey@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Joshua Kelman and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Kelman
joshkel74@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rebecca Kelman and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Kelman
rsfk44@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Timothy Kenney, and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Timothy Kenney
timkenney1@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cheryl Kent and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Kent
Ck4sign@aol.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Charity Kheshgi and I am Hearing, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder..

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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When there is a lot of ambient noise, it can be difficult for me to focus and hear what is being said. Having captions available on screen makes watching movies easier and more enjoyable for me because I don't miss anything.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Charity Kheshgi
charitykheshgi@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Toni Killam and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Toni Killam
Toni.killam@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Christopher Kim, and I am Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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I don't want anyone to feel like they are ostracized. Open Captions for movies at the theaters will create an inviting atmosphere. Theater businesses will see more customers if open captions are offered.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Christopher Kim
ckimc13@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sheelah Kimbrough and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Sheelah Kimbrough
Greenshel@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alice Klein and I am Hard of Hearing, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry DeLoach. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

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Sincerely,

Alice Klein
alice.klein@dsb.wa.gov

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sacha Klein and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandari. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

Captioning, also known as same-language subtitles, benefits everyone who watches videos (children, adolescents, college students, and adults). More than 100 empirical studies document that captioning a video improves comprehension of, attention to, and memory of the video. Captions are particularly beneficial for persons watching videos in their non-native language, children and adults learning to read, and persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Most importantly, the bill provides communities with the assurance and peace of mind that they have access to the movie without using devices or other methods same as other people who go to the movie.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

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