

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Emmanuel Robertson and I am Hearing. 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,

Emmanuel Robertson  
emmanuelrobertson37@gmail.com

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Maribel Robertson and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Maribel Robertson  
maribelr03@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Samuel Robertson and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Samuel Robertson  
robertsonsamuel331@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sue Robertson and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Allegany County.

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Sincerely,

Sue Robertson  
Pittsburghsteeffan@msn.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Julia Roche and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Julia Roche  
Juliarroche@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Judi Rockhill  
Judirockhill@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Nirit Roddy and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. 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,

Nirit Roddy  
nkatzur@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Caitlyn Rodriguez and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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For the Deaf members of our community, access of this sort isn't a privilege, it should be a guarantee. As a hearing person, I believe subtitle captioning is incredibly helpful for comprehension while viewing for all kinds of movie patrons.

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

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Rodriguez  
Caitlynb387@yahoo.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Thomas Rodriguez and I am Deaf. I live in Harford County.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Rodriguez  
Saintthomas6973@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Abbey Roin-Thigpen and I am Deaf. I live in Washington County.

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Sincerely,

Abbey Roin-Thigpen  
Mrs.abbey08@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jon Roll and I am Hard of 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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It's hard for me to hear what the movie is saying. For example, in 2008, I went to see the Dark Knight and I couldn't hear what Batman and the Joker were saying. Open captions are important for me and the community.

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

Sincerely,

Jon Roll  
jr12401@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Gerard Romilus and I am Deaf, a person learning English as a second language. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Gerard Romilus  
Gerardr77@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Shaun Rosa and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Shaun Rosa  
shaunrosa@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Anna Rose and I am Hearing. I live in Carroll County.

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Sincerely,

Anna Rose  
anna.rose2677@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Renate Rose and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Renate Rose  
Kellstwin@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Aliza Rosen and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Aliza Rosen  
alizahrosen@gmail.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Hillary Rosko and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Hillary Rosko  
[hillaryrosko1@gmail.com](mailto:hillaryrosko1@gmail.com)

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Michael Rosko and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Michael Rosko  
[Mikerosko.gto@gmail.com](mailto:Mikerosko.gto@gmail.com)

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tiffany Ross and I am DeafBlind. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Tiffany Ross  
tiffanyaross14@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Antonia Rota and I am Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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As a member of the community; a parent with a neurodivergent child, I am acutely aware of the challenges faced by individuals with varying sensory needs. Open captioning is a fundamental aspect of creating an inclusive environment for neurodivergent individuals, allowing them to fully enjoy the cinematic experience. I urge you to consider advocating for policies that encourage and incentivize theaters to offer more open-captioned showings. I understand the myriad of responsibilities that lawmakers handle, but the impact of your support on the lives of neurodivergent individuals cannot be overstated. Entertainment through movies in theaters should be accessible to all.

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

Sincerely,

Antonia Rota  
anrota4@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Roth and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Roth  
purpleiris1011@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is John Roth and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

John Roth  
wahoo34@comcast.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cindy Rothman and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Cindy Rothman  
Ipaws21@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Loretta Roulton and I am Deaf, A person learning English as a second language. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Loretta Roulton  
LorettaSue@me.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Mallorie Rudy and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Washington County.

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I watch everything with captions on. As someone with ADHD, I simply cannot follow along to any show or movie without captions. Going to a movie theater is already overstimulating enough because of the volume of the theater, people, etc. Having captions readily available on screen would make the experience much more pleasant! Everyone deserves equal access!!

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

Sincerely,

Mallorie Rudy  
malgal6332@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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As a Maryland resident with minor hearing issues, having subtitles on the screen assists my experience and would certainly get me into theaters more often. This would translate into better revenues for theater owners in my opinion, as I prefer waiting for movies I am uncertain about to release on a streaming service so that I can utilize subtitle functions to have a better experience. I am just one person but I would be very surprised if there weren't others with similar experiences. On a non-personal note, I would hazard a guess that this would also allow Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents to boost the cinema business by spending money in theaters. I can only see this as a win for theater owners and am ignorant of any good argument to the contrary.

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

Sincerely,

James Ruiz  
James.ruiz@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Hyman Russo 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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Sincerely,

Hyman Russo  
hnrusso3@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Katherine Sachs and I am Hearing.

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,

Katherine Sachs  
kasachs@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Ethiene Salgado and I am a person learning English as a second language.

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,

Ethiene Salgado  
ethiene.mailbox@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Vicki Saltzman and I am Deaf. I live in Washington 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,

Vicki Saltzman  
vsaltz70@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kenneth Samson and I am Deaf. I live in Kent 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've gone to movies in the past that required devices and almost every time, the devices failed or were defective. It made going to the movies not fun at all, and highly stressful as I kept losing dialogue and action while trying to fix it. If I go to movies now, I will **ONLY** go with open captions.

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth Samson  
Samsonkg@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Gabriel Sanchez and I am Deaf. I live in Washington County.

I am writing to ask you to support **HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Delegate Harry Bhandhari. 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,

Gabriel Sanchez  
Ganikocas@gmail.com



February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Anne Sanders and my daughter is a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Calvert 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 a daughter who is on the autistic spectrum so I am writing this letter to voice my support for this bill on her behalf and for many others who would benefit from having captions for movies.

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

Sincerely,

Anne Sanders  
annemsanders16@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Chelsea Sanford and I am Hearing.

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,

Chelsea Sanford  
Csan1234@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Denise Sansonese 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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Sincerely,

Denise Sansonese  
Bellagal3@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jerry Sansonese and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Jerry Sansonese  
gsans@aol.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alejandra Saravia and I am Hearing. 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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Growing up with a mother who is Hard of Hearing and also loves watching movies has been hard. She either has to plan her life around the schedule the movie theater decides is “flexible” or use a device that 9/10 times does not work. Movie theaters should be accessible to everyone, not just convenient for Hearing individuals.

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

Sincerely,

Alejandra Saravia  
alesaravia19@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Giovanni Saravia and I am Hearing. 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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Going to the movies with my mom is supposed to be a fun time. But dealing with a lack of reliable accessibility options puts a strain and chore on the day. Dealing with uncharged caption devices and rare availability for open caption showings outside of opening weekends means my mom doesn't get to enjoy the movies like so many others. That needs to change.

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

Sincerely,

Giovanni Saravia  
saraviagio1@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Gustavo Saravia and I am a person learning English as a second language. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Gustavo Saravia  
Gussaravia1@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sophia Satre and I am Hearing. I live in Carroll County.

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Sincerely,

Sophia Satre  
satre.sms@gmail.com



February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Ismella Saul-Jones  
Ismella.Saul@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Marylourdes Scarborough and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Marylourdes Scarborough  
Marylourdesgayles@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Brittany Schenck and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition.

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My migraine impacts my ability to process spoken words and being able to see the captions when watching/listening to anything helps me to better understand what is said. I've been to theaters that offer those closed caption devices that are supposed to connect to the theater you're in. However, on several occasions they weren't working properly & wouldn't connect to the theater we were in. These devices are often difficult to use, not user friendly, and also impact your ability to watch the movie while looking at the caption device making it more of you either watch the movie or read the captions. These issues with the caption devices made it difficult to follow the movie we had paid for. It is much easier to watch the movie & read the captions when they are both on one screen.

Having the option to watch a movie with the captions available on the screen would be great, and yes I understand we could just watch it at home. But, when you have conditions that limit your ability to go out and enjoy things the way others do, it makes it all the more meaningful and enjoyable when you are able to get out of the house and be able to enjoy something such as watching a movie in the theater without the worry of missing or not understanding parts of the dialogue.

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

Sincerely,

Brittany Schenck  
Chechi28@msn.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sarah Schmidt and I am Hearing. I live in Harford County.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Schmidt  
sarah\_schmidt@hotmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Luise Schock and I am Hard of Hearing.

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,

Luise Schock  
Ldinaschock@gmail.com

February 8, 2024

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Trina Schooley 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 Senator Benjamin Brooks. 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,

Trina Schooley  
trinaschooley@yahoo.com

February 8, 2024

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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

I am writing to ask you to support **SB 92 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Senator Benjamin Brooks. 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's been 27 years since I sat in a Silver Spring movie theater as a hard of hearing child and watched Flubber with open captions for the very first time. Before then I had never been able to fully catch the dialogue in any film I saw in theaters. It was my deaf parents, who were in their 30s, first time seeing open captions on the silver screen as well.

I remember the awe I felt then. It's the same awe I feel, now in my 30s, every time I get to go to a theater at one of their very limited open caption offerings.

Please pass this bill and help make the theater-going experience as normal for my family as it is for yours.

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

Sincerely,

Vivienne Schroeder  
viviwrites22@gmail.com

February 8, 2024

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Jessica Schulte and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Jessica Schulte  
Jlschulte21@gmail.com



February 8, 2024

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Joy Schwarz-Mason and I am Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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Joy Schwarz-Mason  
Jschwarz.mason@gmail.com

February 8, 2024

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2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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I am writing to ask you to support **SB 92 - Open Captioning Movie Bill**, sponsored by Senator Benjamin Brooks. 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 SB 92.

Sincerely,

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