

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Catherine Starzman 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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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Catherine Starzman  
Catherinestarzman@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Madeline Statton and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Worcester County.

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Sincerely,

Madeline Statton  
mcstatton@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Amy Stavely and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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As a neurodivergent person, I often mishear or totally miss words when people are talking because my brain has trouble processing what it's hearing. Captioning helps me process what I'm hearing by letting me see the words I might've missed. I was an adult before I realized how beneficial captions were to overcoming one of the annoyances of my neurodivergence. I'm sure that having open captioning for all would help people who don't even realize that it would be useful!

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

Sincerely,

Amy Stavely  
amy@stavely.org

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Felece Steele and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Felece Steele  
felecegelb@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Grace Steingieser and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Grace Steingieser  
[Grace.steingieser@msd.edu](mailto:Grace.steingieser@msd.edu)

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Julie Sternberg and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Julie Sternberg  
juliesternberg@hotmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rachel Stesch and I am Hearing. I live in Carroll County.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Stesch  
rstesch@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Bronte Stewart  
ladybvs@gmail.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Claire Stiles and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Claire Stiles  
stilesca@eckerd.edu

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Steven Stitely and I am Hearing. I live in Washington County.

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Sincerely,

Steven Stitely  
stevenstitely@saunderstax.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Linda Stoltz and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Linda Stoltz  
Linda.Stoltz@deafmdcc.org

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Stone and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Movie watching and going to theaters is a big family pastime often without me due to limited Open Captioned movies choices. Even with films that have closed captioning, I've experienced stress sitting through movies with devices that aren't working or captions never appeared. Or with half of them missing. It'd be a source of frustration, exclusion, and stress that my hearing family don't experience. Open Captioned movies level the playing field for everyone. It creates an inclusive environment for everyone. Please make this a common occurrence, not an exception.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stone  
lizstone@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Celeste Stull and I am Deaf. I live in Washington County.

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Sincerely,

Celeste Stull  
celswiney8@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Brian Suchite and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Brian Suchite  
Tremendousbas@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Trudy Suggs and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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I have been blessed to be able to attend movies at any time with my four deaf children at the local theaters with the captioning glasses or devices offered. However, it has been frustrating having to use these pieces of equipment. For example, at one time, the theater did not have enough glasses for my family of six — as a result, we had to forego the movie. Also, after the movie, it's become a running joke among our family members: we all always have red lines on the bridges of our noses and sides of our faces from the glasses. That's how uncomfortable they are...especially if you have to wear glasses already.

While these may seem like minor inconveniences, they do add up. We want to just be able to walk into the movie theater, sit down, and watch the film like any other theatergoer, deaf or hearing. We don't want to have to do additional work. We don't want to have to sign a piece of paper with our personal addresses and names so that others who sign the paper can also see where we live or who we are. We want to simply have an equitable movie theater experience — and for that to happen, open captioning needs to be the norm. In fact, many times when I go to open captioned films, there are more hearing people than deaf — which means they enjoy it, too.

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

Sincerely,

Trudy Suggs  
trudysuggs@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Skylar Sultan and I am Deaf, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Skylar Sultan  
roostersultan@gmail.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Stephanie Summers and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Summers  
Srsummers4@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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I am a part of the hearing population, but I believe open captioning can be beneficial to everyone. The volume of a movie can fluctuate a lot depending on the dialogue or music. Sometimes, it makes the words very difficult to understand after a blast of high-volume of music. Open captioning would resolve that problem, especially for an older population.

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

Sincerely,

Roxanna Sun  
rxt403@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Laura Sweeney and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Laura Sweeney  
laurawsweeney@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Avrom Swird and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Avrom Swird  
Avremi2017@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sandra Swird and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Swird  
Swerdlov74@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Amie Tahlor and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Amie Tahlor  
AJT0808@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rakesh Taneja and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County..

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Sincerely,

Rakesh Taneja  
tanejarakgmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rana Taneja and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Rana Taneja  
tanejar48gmail.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sherrie Tarry and I am Deaf. I live in Calvert County.

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Sherrie Tarry  
starryann74@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Beth Taylor and I am Hearing. I live in Washington 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,

Beth Taylor  
journeyerone@aol.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Brenda Taylor and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Washington County.

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Sincerely,

Brenda Taylor  
Brendataylor6210@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cory Taylor and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Cory Taylor  
Crayt105@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Karen Taylor and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Karen Taylor  
kaparisor@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rachel Taylor and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Taylor  
rairai4424@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Brittany Tedder, and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Wicomico County.

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Sincerely,

Brittany Tedder  
brittybix@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Lisa Templet-Renfrew 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,

Lisa Templet-Renfrew  
LisaTemplet@gmail.com



February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Paul Thacker and I am Hearing. I live in Carroll 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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My spouse and I find movie theater sound systems too loud for action/dramatic scenes. Both of us are prone to migraines so we wear earplugs. This can make it difficult to hear the dialog during non-action scenes. We have stopped going to the theaters for certain movies, knowing the scenes would be very loud. Having dedicated Open Captioning screenings would help us.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Thacker  
mayflower301@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Peter Thang and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore City.

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,

Peter Thang  
peter.thang93@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Brandon Theroit, and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Wicomico County.

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Sincerely,

Brandon Theroit  
buckingham@dila.org

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jamelle Thomas, and I am Hearing, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. 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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Accessibility should be a no-brainer. Even for those of us who are hearing, things can get lost in translation. Captions are for everyone.

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

Sincerely,

Jamelle Thomas  
jamsterfilms@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tiffany Thomas, and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Tiffany Thomas  
thomastiffany3011@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cathy Thompson, and I am Deaf. I live in Charles County.

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Sincerely,

Cathy Thompson  
gibberd56@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alexander Thornton and I am Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Alexander Thornton  
Nakurudia@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Julie Tibbitt, and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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This is 2024, and we are well beyond the capacity to make the experience optimal for all. If you want more of us going out and supporting our local economy such as local theaters, this is a sure fire way.

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

Sincerely,

Julie Tibbitt  
jst.feldman@gmail.com



February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Deanna Tilden, and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore City.

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I gave up going to the movie theaters for 20+ years after the problem with the CaptiView (cupholder), Rear Mirror (cupholder), and Sony glasses. All I got was free vouchers which wouldn't improve the devices or bring attention to the upper management. When I learned that open-captioning movie theaters were available in a few locations, I came back. The best part is a pain-free zone.

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

Sincerely,

Deanna Tilden  
dtilden86@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Linda C. Tom, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Linda C. Tom  
lctom71@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Isabeau Touchard, and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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My parents are deaf and I would love to go to the movies with them without having to deal with requesting an annoying piece of equipment that doesn't always work.

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

Sincerely,

Isabeau Touchard  
iptouchard@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Michael Touchard, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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I love going to the movies, but I hate not being able to join. Enjoy the movie when the close captioning devices aren't working properly or I have to stop getting up and find someone who's willing to work with me to fix the problem and then I miss the entire movie. It was just unenjoyable.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Touchard  
michael\_touchard@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Steve Towne, and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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I find that even with my hearing aids, I am able to enjoy watching movies much better when there are captions on the screen. That is my default on my home equipment, and I hope that this bill can be passed to enable the same at movie theaters in our area.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Towne  
stevetowne@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kellie Tracey and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Kellie Tracey  
kellie.tracy5@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Gregg Trainor and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Gregg Trainor  
Greggtt78@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rami Traurig and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Rami Traurig  
rami.traurig@gmail.com



February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Dawn Truitt and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Kent County.

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Sincerely,

Dawn Truitt  
dawntruitt64@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tamera Tully, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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miltam5908@yahoo.com