

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Chandra Metz and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. 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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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Chandra Metz
mrs.chandrametz@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jeff Meyer and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Meyer
meyerjeffrey@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 Jeff Meyer and I am Deaf. I live in Howard 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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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 92.

Sincerely,

Jeff Meyer
meyerjeffrey@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Chris Militello and I am Hearing. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Chris Militello
cmilitello@arrowbicycle.com

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Economic Matters Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Joan Miller and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Joan Miller
joan.miller22@aol.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kathy Miller and I am Hard of Hearing. 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,

Kathy Miller
kathynbmc@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kristina Miller 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,

Kristina Miller
Kristin@prolove.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Mackenzie Miller 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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Sincerely,

Mackenzie Miller
Mackenzie.lanier@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Natalie Miller and I am Hard of Hearing, also I have neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. 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,

Natalie Miller
natalie.miller5@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Penelope Miller 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,

Penelope Miller
penelope.c.miller@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tara Miller 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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My children & some of my students are deaf or hard of hearing. They all enjoy movies as much as the next child and should be able to enjoy also.

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

Sincerely,

Tara Miller
miller05tjn@hotmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is William Millios and I am Deaf. I live in Talbot 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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Attending the movies with my family (some of whom are hearing, some are Deaf) has always been a very stressful event. While there are sometimes technology solutions that allow me to attend a movie "any time" - such as the glasses, or the in-the-cup-holder device - approximately 2/3 of the time there is a technical issue part-way through the movie. The device stops working, it glitches, the battery dies, etc. This requires me to seek assistance, missing parts of the movie, leaving my seat, etc., The **ONLY** truly accessible way for all of us to watch movies is with Open Captioning. Please support this bill, so that the Deaf, hard of hearing, and others who rely on captioning to understand and follow movies can attend with their families.

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

Sincerely,

William Millios
william.millios@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Nicole Ming and I am Hearing.

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

Sincerely,

Nicole Ming
mongfamily@live.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Molly Mirchandani and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Molly Mirchandani
mollypfeifer@comcast.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Trinity Mitchell and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Trinity Mitchell
trinity.mitchell089@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jon Mitchiner and I am Deaf, a person learning English as a second language.

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Sincerely,

Jon Mitchiner
jmitchiner@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Monica Mockus and I am Deaf.

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My husband is Hard of Hearing and we have not been to a movie theater in a very long time. The reason why is that he struggles to hear the voices and finds that it is exhausting trying to keep up with the dialogue. He would love to see a movie with open captioning. It would provide access and make it more enjoyable for him to watch the movie.

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

Sincerely,

Monica Mockus
monicamockus@comcast.net

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Debbie Mohny and I am Hard of Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Mohny
Boulderdebbie@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Quianna Mohondro and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Howard County.

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I have significant hearing loss at lower pitches due to brain damage. I also have ADHD which further increases difficulty with auditory processing. Open captions with movies would make me much more likely to patronize movie theaters rather than waiting for films to come out on Netflix or other streaming services.

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

Sincerely,

Quianna Mohondro
quiannagivens@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Viola Mohr and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Viola Mohr
violarosemohr@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rebecca Moir, and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Moir
becca102@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jim Molinelli and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Jim Molinelli
jim.molinelli@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kathleen Mooney and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Mooney
kcmooney@me.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Atena Moore and I am Hearing.

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I'm a hearing person who believes in inclusivity and accessibility for these are essential principles for fostering a society where everyone can fully participate and enjoy various aspects of life, including entertainment like movies.

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

Sincerely,

Atena Moore
mooreatena@gmailcom

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Dawn Moore and I am Deaf. I live in Washington County.

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Sincerely,

Dawn Moore
dawnschriv@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Diana Moore and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Diana Moore
moorediana999@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Gwendolyn Moore and I am Hearing. 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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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Moore
bunnys40flava@msn.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is LeeAnn Moore and I am Hearing. I live in Allegany County.

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Sincerely,

LeeAnn Moore
miserylmd1371moore@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Savannah Moore and I am Hearing. I live in Harford 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,

Savannah Moore
savannah.moore22@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Norma Moran 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,

Norma Moran
viva2nym@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Reyna Moran and I am Hearing. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Reyna Moran
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February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Eileen Morgan and I am Hard of 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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Sincerely,

Eileen Morgan
eileenfmorgan@msn.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 Monica Morley and I am Hearing. 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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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 92.

Sincerely,

Monica Morley
monicagmorley@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Nikkia Morton 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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Sincerely,

Nikkia Morton
nikkia.morton@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Becky Mosher and I am Deaf. I live in Allegany 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,

Becky Mosher
bcdsd@breezeline.net

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Lisa Moss and I am Hard of 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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Sincerely,

Lisa Moss
amoss@wcboe.org

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Judy Mouny and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Judy Mouny
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February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Thomas Muething and I am Deaf.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas Muething
thomas.a.muething@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Paul Mulligan and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. 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,

Paul Mulligan
paul.mulliganiel@hey.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alicia Mullins and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Alicia Mullins
mullins8520@comcast.net

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Natalie Munoz and I am a person learning English as a second language. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Natalie Munoz
natalimunoz1@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Randy Murbach and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Open captioning is important in movie theaters for several reasons. It provides a permanently visible way to view dialogue and sound effects on screen, benefiting not only the deaf and hard of hearing community but also language learners, individuals new to a particular culture or language, and those with difficulty understanding accents or technical terms[3][5]. Open captions help create a more inclusive and accessible environment, leading to increased attendance and revenue for movie theater owners[5]. Additionally, they eliminate the need for separate captioning devices, which are often plagued with technological and user experience issues[3]. The recent adoption of open captions by major movie theater chains and the regulatory requirements further emphasize the importance of open captioning in theaters[5]. Therefore, open captioning is a crucial step toward making entertainment accessible to all and should be a standard option in all movie theaters[5].

Citations:

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[4] <https://www.rev.com/blog/resources/open-caption-vs-closed-caption-whats-the-difference>

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Sincerely,

Randy Murbach
rmurbach@icloud.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Teresa Murbach and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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As a deaf individual, my relationship with cinema has always been bittersweet. Movies are gateways to diverse stories and emotions, but accessing these wonders has often been a challenge. My experience with closed captioning devices, such as glasses with embedded captions, was far from satisfactory. They were heavy and caused discomfort on my nose bridge, distracting me from the immersive experience that cinema should offer.

This is why open captioning at movie theaters is incredibly important to me. Open captions do more than display dialogue; they represent a commitment to accessibility and inclusion. With open captions, I can fully immerse myself in the film without the burden of cumbersome assistive devices. The story, characters, and emotions come alive without any barriers.

The significance of open captioning extends into my family life as well. I have hearing children, and we value our movie outings immensely. However, the limited availability of open-captioned showings often means we have to miss out on these moments. It's disheartening to have to choose between my comfort and family time, a decision that no family should be forced to make.

I am a strong advocate for the implementation of a bill that requires open captioning in movie theaters. This plea isn't just for myself but for the many deaf individuals who face similar obstacles. Open captioning isn't a mere feature; it's a step towards a more inclusive world where everyone, regardless of their hearing ability, can share in the joy of cinema.

I call upon lawmakers and cinema owners to realize the vital role open captioning plays. It's a relatively small adjustment for them, but one that would significantly impact the lives of deaf people. We deserve to enjoy movies just as anyone else does, without barriers or discomfort.

Let's open up the world of cinema to everyone. It's time to embrace open captioning not just as an option, but as a standard.

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

Sincerely,

Teresa Murbach
ttmurbach@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alyssa Myers, 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,

Alyssa Myers
Alyssamyers521@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Joseph Myers
joemyers90@hotmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Laura Myers and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Laura Myers
myers.laurar3@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Linda Myers and I am Deaf. I live in Caroline 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,

Linda Myers
lindakmyers1952@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Deborah Nathanson and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Deborah Nathanson
Deborahnathanson@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jill Naumann and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Jill Naumann
Jdnover@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sarah Nelinson, and I am DeafBlind. I live in Carroll County.

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I couldn't go to the movie theater because devices are not efficient for someone who goes with me to interpret the movie due to the device being in the way. The Open Captioning Movie is the way that can make it happen.

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

Sincerely,

Sarah Nelinson
chef.nelinson@gmail.com