

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Casey Kneipp and I am Hearing, also 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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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 426.

Sincerely,

Casey Kneipp
kcandave@verizon.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cambria Knight and I am Hearing. I live in Allegany County.

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Sincerely,

Cambria Knight
knightcambria@hotmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jonathan Knox, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Knox
jonathan.knox@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Noella Kolash and I am Deaf.

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Sincerely,

Noella Kolash
noella@kolash.org

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cara Kolmer and I am Hard of Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Cara Kolmer
carakolmer@yahoo.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Daniel Koo and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Koo
danielkoo@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sagar Kothari and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Sagar Kothari
oceantetra@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Smita Kothari and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Smita Kothari
oceanpeacock2810@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sarah Kotra and I am Deaf, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Wicomico County.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Kotra
mum2smack@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Charles Kozakiewicz and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Charles Kozakiewicz
chuckjr@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Bonnie Kramer and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Kramer
bonniekramer4@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Ben L and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Ben L
ozar87@duck.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Mark Labozzetta and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Subtitles have been proven time and again to help kids learn how to read or improve their reading. The more places we have subtitles the better.

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Sincerely,

Mark Labozzetta
mlabozzetta7@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is MaryLynn Lally, and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

MaryLynn Lally
deafhugs@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Carey Lancaster and I am Hearing. I live in Allegany County.

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Sincerely,

Carey Lancaster
careylynea@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kimberly Lapine and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Lapine
klapine6@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Todd Larsen
toddlarsen_99@yahoo.com

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Sincerely,

Nyah Lashley
nyahlashley@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kevin Leahy and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Leahy
crusted-son-0q@icloud.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Lori Leal and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Lori Leal
LMLWOFUSMA@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Maya Lee, and I am Hearing. I live in St. Mary's County.

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Sincerely,

Maya Lee
mlaxgsp79@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alexander Leffers and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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The devices – the glasses and the thing you insert in the cup holders are wonky at best – They do not always work. The glasses are cumbersome. I already wear glasses. Two pairs of glasses weighing on my nose... not fun. Captions do not just benefit deaf and hard of hearing people. They benefit everyone that needs it for whatever reason.

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

Sincerely,

Alexander Leffers
acleffers@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Emily Leffler, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Emily Leffler
emgleffler13@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jacob Leffler, and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Jacob Leffler
JLeffler24@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Lisa Lehfeltdt-Craig, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Lehfeltdt-Craig
lalehfeltdt@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Megan Lengel and I am DeafBlind with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition.

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I am a Virginia resident, born and raised in the DMV. I have greatly benefited from captioning and strongly believe this should be available to everyone, including my D/deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind friends in Maryland. Set a standard for the rest of the DMV for inclusive and accessible spaces!

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

Sincerely,

Megan Lengel
meggerscheeseball@hotmail.com

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Sincerely,

Gilbert Lensbower
text.him@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Fred Lestina III and I am Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Fred Lestina III
fred.lestina@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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Sincerely,

Ben Levine
taylor83n@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Dahlia Levine and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Dahlia Levine
dahlialevine05@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Lorenzo Lewis and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Lorenzo Lewis
lorenzo.lewis2203@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Dawn Livingood and I am Hearing. I live in Allegany County.

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Sincerely,

Dawn Livingood
dawnlivingood@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kristin Lazor-Granda and I am Deaf.

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Sincerely,

Kristin Lazor-Granda
Kmlazor518@aol.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Robert Loftus and I am Deaf.

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Sincerely,

Robert Loftus
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February 6, 2024

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Kion London
kionlondon74@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Eddie Lonni, and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Eddie Lonni
eionni@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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I grew up in a U.S. territory where movies made in Hollywood are shown with subtitles in Spanish. I always felt included in going to the movie theater with my family and friends, deaf and hearing. 30 years ago and today, I felt the lack of inclusion in movie theaters due to no captioning. Still today, I have very limited options such as the cumbersome caption glasses that do not function due to poor signal or the battery dies in the middle of the movie. The current limited open captions in movies are offered on very few days and times for which not every deaf person can attend. We need the same expanded access to captions in movie theaters.

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

Sincerely,

Ricardo Lopez
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February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Edward Lord, and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Edward Lord
tedlord144@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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I am Hard of Hearing and a Teacher of the Deaf. It is beneficial to have captions for words I may have missed. People have beautiful accents, but it can be difficult for a Hard of Hearing person to understand clearly. It is important to have the movie theater to provide captions to accommodate all people with hearing loss.

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

Sincerely,

Sylvia Love
sylvialove@aol.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Heather Lovell and I am DeafBlind. I live in Frederick County.

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I am not able to use personal captioning devices because I cannot see them. The only way I can watch movies is in a movie theater with open captions or with an interpreter. My mother and my grandmother are also DeafBlind in the same situation.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Lovell
darkmatter26.8@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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Sincerely,

Lee Lyken
djsupalee@aol.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Nicole Lynd and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Nicole Lynd
npassenti@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Calbeb Lytton-Jean and I am Deaf.

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Sincerely,

Caleb Lytton-Jean
caleb5tb@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Mark Mace. I am Deaf, and learning English as a second language. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Mark Mace
mark.mace@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Patricia Mace. I am a Deaf and learning English as a second language. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Mace
pattilightie@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Martina Mackleer
martinamackleer@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Miranda Mackleer and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. I live in Montgomery County.

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I need captions to fully understand a speaker. At the movies I will not be able to fully grasp a message if a person speaks too fast. Captions make the biggest difference to help me!

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

Sincerely,

Miranda Mackleer
mirandamackleer27@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kathleen MacMillan and I am Hearing, and a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen MacMillan
kathymacmillan@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Tamara Majocha and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Tamara Majocha
Tamaradee.majocha@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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Cjhunter3@yahoo.com