



Shaping an Accessible World

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of TDIforAccess, Inc. (TDI), an organization dedicated to advocating for equal access to entertainment and media for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. We are writing to express our wholehearted support for the Open Captioning Movie Bill, HB 426 and SB 92, which we believe will have a significant positive impact on the accessibility of cinema experiences for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Open captioning is a vital accessibility feature that ensures that moviegoers with hearing disabilities can enjoy films in theaters without barriers. It provides real-time text displayed on the screen, allowing viewers to follow the dialogue and sounds, which greatly enhances their cinema experience. The importance of this service cannot be overstated, as it promotes inclusivity and ensures that individuals with hearing disabilities can fully participate in a shared cultural experience.

HB 426 and SB 92 represent a crucial step toward making entertainment venues more accessible and inclusive for all members of our community. By mandating open captioning in movie theaters, these bills send a clear message that the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities are valued and protected. Moreover, they align with the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by fostering an environment where everyone can enjoy the same opportunities and experiences.

We encourage you to support and advocate for the passage of HB 426 and SB 92 to ensure that all moviegoers can fully engage in the cinematic experience. We are more than willing to collaborate with your organization and provide any additional

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. We look forward to a future where everyone can enjoy the magic of the movies without barriers.

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