

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Cindi Peters, and I am Deaf. I live in Carroll 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,

Cindi Peters  
cspeters38@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jason Petersen and I am a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. I live in Howard County.

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I find it extremely helpful to see text on screen when interacting with any form of media. Whether it be videos online, movies, even video games I find I absorb the information better if I can both listen and read. I watched Oppenheimer this summer, and I remember feeling a tad frustrated during quiet scenes or scenes with arguments because following along was a bit rougher. I rewatched it with captions, and I enjoyed being able to read along when watching it. Having open captions is very helpful, and I really hope this bill passes because movies may be more enjoyable and comprehensive.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Petersen  
jaysonpeepee@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Ada Ruth Pettis and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Ada Ruth Pettis  
pettis.ruth@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Mallory Pettis and I am Hearing.

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Sincerely,

Mallory Pettis  
Mallory.pettis@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rosemary Pettis and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Rosemary Pettis  
rosesecho@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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Sincerely,

Ward Pettis  
wardnih@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Caroline Pezzarossi and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Having consistent and widely available open captions is not only a benefit for me as a Deaf person, it is also a human centered design in which you are providing access to all those who may need captions regardless of their hearing status.

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

Sincerely,

Caroline Pezzarossi  
ckpezzarossi@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Nicolas Pezzarossi and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Nicolas Pezzarossi  
Nickpezz@gmail.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Judy Pfau and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Judy Pfau  
kjpfau@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Amy Phillips, and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Closed Captions glasses are not very accessible as they are often blurry and hard to read. They are also heavy and uncomfortable. Please consider making movies accessible to all.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Phillips  
amyp530@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Elke Pieters and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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I've experienced using the devices while watching movies. They weren't always dependable. They'd stop working and I would need to get up and find people to get them fixed or replaced. I'd miss a good chunk of movie time. Wearing them was another thing. They were bulky and awkward to use. The devices forced me to accommodate them to be able to read the captions while watching movies. I do advise you to please go to the movie and try them yourself to experience it. Open captioned movies would give a lot of freedom. No technical interference. No bulky awkwardness. No interruptions. Nothing. I'd sit and watch open captioned movies with pleasure just like you would!

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

Sincerely,

Elke Pieters  
Epieters@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Michael Pilson and I am Deaf. I live in Carroll County.

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Sincerely,

Michael Pilson  
mhpilson@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rebecca Pilson and I am Deaf. I live in Carroll County.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Pilson  
repilson@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Carol Polizzi and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Carol Polizzi  
mylibra28@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sima Popowski and I am Hearing.

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As a Child of Deaf Adults, I missed out on family movie experiences as it was usually a hassle to find theaters with open captions and the assistive technology (e.g. captioning glasses) are not always reliable/ can be awkward. As a graduate student on Gallaudet's campus, many of my friends do not go to movie premieres or see any movie until it's available on Netflix or a streaming service due to preference for open captioning. Open captioning creates a more accessible environment. Maryland can lead the change in creating an accessible state and hopefully country.

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

Sincerely,

Sima Popowski  
Simapopowski@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rose Porch and I am Hearing. I live in Cecil County.

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Open captions for all movies should be a given! Equal access is most important! Adding open captions to all movies in theaters is an easy fix that would bring equal entertainment to so many people.

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Sincerely,

Rose Porch  
roseeee1973@gmail.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Zoe Porreca and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Zoe Porreca  
zoe.porreca29@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Charles Jaron Porter and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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It frustrates me when I got to the movies with my mother and she can't enjoy the movie the same way as me because the glasses provided are malfunctioning or just not working and it takes away from the pleasure of the movie.

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

Sincerely,

Charles Jaron Porter  
Porter.Charlie.5@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Vaylor Porter and I am Hearing, a person with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Montgomery County.

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When I go to the movies with my mother, it's a pain because she gets two of those closed captioned (CC) glasses in case one messes up or dies. That happens a LOT. And I gotta hold one of them in my lap. Annoying.

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

Sincerely,

Vaylor Porter  
vaylor.porter@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Vikki Porter and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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The act of going to the movies is supposed to be a fun time, but instead is filled with barriers (equipment malfunctioning, not working), wrong captions assigned to the wrong movie (think captions showing "I love you so much!" while the screen is showing people in cars racing fast and shooting each other on the highway), time lost going to the lobby trying to resolve issues, and getting a small consolation prize: free movie tickets for the next movie. Rinse and repeat. Hearing companions who go with me to the movies see these comedic frustrations and shake their heads in pity. In short, deaf moviegoers are treated as fourth-class citizens but are charged first-class taxes.

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

Sincerely,

Vikki Porter  
porter.vikki.l@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Lori Post and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Lori Post  
Lapost2@verizon.net

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Theresa Posthuma and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Even though I am hearing, I rely on open captions, as sometimes the special effect sounds drown out the voices of the actors, some actors have accents that are difficult to understand, and it is just an all-around more enjoyable experience.

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

Sincerely,

Theresa Posthuma  
taposthuma@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Katie Poston and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Katie Poston.  
katposton14@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kirsten Poston and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Open captioning benefits everyone! There is much to be gained in mainstream society when movies are accessible to all. Watching movies and being able to know what the story is about speaks volumes to the direction and commitment this state has with ensuring the disability community is not left behind.

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

Sincerely,

Kirsten Poston  
mkposton@yahoo.com



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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Melissa Potolsky 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 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 HB 426.

Sincerely,

Melissa Potolsky  
melissapotolsky@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jennifer Powell and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Powell  
Jpowell139@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Khamonnie Powell and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Khamonnie Powell  
Khamonnie-powrll@pgcps.org

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Arlene Pratt 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,

Arlene Pratt  
apratt1718@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Valerie Prince 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,

Valerie Prince  
V.prince83@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Carrie Quigley and I am 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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I have used captions on my tv for years and realize how much I rely on them to get all the dialogue. When I go to the movies it is very helpful to have the captions so I don't miss any of the dialogue as well as the lyrics to the songs when I take my grandchildren to their musical movies. They too rely on captions as they have grown up with captions on their tvs.

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

Sincerely,

Carrie Quigley  
pcquigley@comcast.net

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Taylor Ramage, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore 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,

Taylor Ramage  
tr\_ramage@hotmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is David Rancourt and I am Deaf. 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,

David Rancourt  
drancourt@david-rancourt.com



February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Nancy Ravindra and I am Deaf. I live in Dorchester 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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There is no nearest theatre (within 30 minutes) that offers open-captioned movies. Driving 2+ hours one way to watch an open-captioned movie is challenging. Our hearing neighbors can go and watch any movie they want locally. We want access and freedom to choose whichever movie we want to watch, not because it is the only movie that offers captions but because none is available locally.

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Ravindra  
Nanravindra@me.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Sheila Ray 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,

Sheila Ray  
snerdboff@yahoo.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Scott Recht and I am Deaf. 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 movie theaters will be important for me because I will be able to enjoy the open captioning movies just like the rest of the movie patrons. It will be considered as an equal access for everybody.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Recht  
sarecht@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alijah Redman 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,

Alijah Redman  
Alijah.redman@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Alisa Redmon and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore 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,

Alisa Redmon  
redgrandma6@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Michelle Redmond and I am Hard of Hearing with a neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder, or similar medical condition. I live in Harford 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,

Michelle Redmond  
redmondmichelle@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kelly Reed-Tarry and I am Hearing, a person with neurodivergent, auditory processing disorder. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Kelly Reed-Tarry  
Kelly@designfruitcreative.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Colin Reilly and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Colin Reilly  
pretzellogic45@yahoo.com



February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Eric Reisman and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Eric Reisman  
reisvid@comcast.net

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Valeria Retana and I am a person learning English as a second language. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Valeria Retana  
Retana1400@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 Betty Rewolinski 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,

Betty Rewolinski  
eliza1955@me.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Shakira Reynoso and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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I loved going to the movie theater but it tends to have a limited schedule for OC. I sometimes can't come to the scheduled day because my family or I were busy that day. When I first used the captioning device, it was on my movie date and it was the worst experience. I can't enjoy the movie because the captioning device won't show some dialogue or it will delay the dialogues. Not to mention the handstring of the captioning device keeps up being not a comfortable position for me to read it, I have to fix multiple times while trying to watch the screen at the same time. It was tiresome. Closed-captioning glasses? It tends to be not available or doesn't have it fully-charged, I remember that my parents had to pay for cc glasses at theaters when I was younger, even the tickets for them were expensive enough already, To be honest, I am not sure about it now because I am nearsighted and I need to use glasses for that, so I am not sure how it may help me now if I have to use both of them? Not to mention the glasses might have not been cleaned after others use them.

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

Sincerely,

Shakira Reynoso  
shaki-reynosojimenez@pgcps.org

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jenny Riegel 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,

Jenny Riegel  
Riegel.jenny@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Esther Rimer and I am Deaf. 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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Sincerely,

Esther Rimer  
erimer@bellsouth.net

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jose Rivera and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Jose Rivera  
joserivera772734@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

Economic Matters Committee  
State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jessica Roberts and I am Hearing. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Jessica Roberts  
jessicaroberts1989@gmail.com



February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Jessica Roberts  
jessicaroberts1989@gmail.com

February 6, 2024

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State Capitol  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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My name is Andrew Robertson and I am Deaf. 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.

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 for the video. Captions are particularly beneficial for persons watching videos in their non-native language, for children and adults learning to read, and for 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 HB 426.

Sincerely,

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