

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL 1238

Places of Public Accommodation- Motion Picture Houses – Captioning

As an advocate for seniors and people with a disability, I was personally pleased to see this Bill. My hearing has become worse as time goes by.

It was suggested to me by a legislator to get hearing aids, with his not understanding that hearing aids are not the panacea a hearing person thinks they are. My \$6,000 aids (now lost when removing a mask) still did not give me the clarity needed when the speaker did not speak clearly, turned his face, or spoke with an accent. My days of attending theaters, operas, or movies are long gone. I know captioning cannot be done in theaters or operas, but it can be done in the movies.

I believe the cost of close captioning will be offset by the increased attendance of those who cannot now attend.

We all know people hard of hearing or deaf. Now you are learning of some of our problems in getting into the social network.

Nothing can replace what G-d gave us. If we do not have the hearing we once had, help us by letting us use our eyes.

Please give this Bill a favorable vote so it can go forward.

Thank you.

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