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To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: HB 1238 - Places of Public Accommodation - Motion Picture Houses - Captioning
Recommendation: Position letter from Baltimore City Commission on Disabilities
to Support HB 1238

Hearing date: April 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm – Senate Judiciary Committee

Greetings,

The Baltimore City Mayor's Commission on Disabilities was created as part of the Baltimore City Government in 1993. Since that time, it has reviewed programs and services for people with disabilities, identified barriers to programs and services available to people with disabilities, recommended ways to overcome those barriers, and made recommendations regarding existing and proposed legislation pertaining to people with disabilities.

The Commission strongly support HB 1238 – Open Captioning at Movie Theatres, which Delegate Bhandari sponsors. This bill ensures that movie theatres provide two days of the week with all the movies being open captioning. Captioning benefits everyone, including deaf people, hard of hearing people, people who are learning English and also children/adults who are learning to read. In addition, people with late hearing loss benefit from captioning!

We urge you to support and vote to pass HB 1238.

Regards,

Commissioner JB Begue