

February 8, 2023

Economic Matters Committee
State Capitol
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is John Polansky and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

John Polansky
John.polansky@pgcps.org

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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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Date nights would be a lot easier if I had more movie choices and better times to choose from.

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Sincerely,

Vikki Porter
porter.vikki.l@gmail.com

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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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Sincerely,

Theresa Posthuma
taposthuma@aol.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Dominique Poston and I am Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Dominique Poston
dposton1122@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Khadijah Poston and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Khadijah Poston
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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is William G. Poston and I am Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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My wife is deaf and this would be beneficial to her and the rest of the deaf community.

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Sincerely,

William G. Poston
wgposton@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

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Sincerely,

Khamonnie Powell
Khamonnie-powell@pcps.org

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Minerva Quigley-Gentner, and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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My whole family is deaf and it's hard to go to the movies and find a good movie available for all of us to watch whenever we would like. It's not fair and they should make it accessible to everyone. Also, the captioning glasses devices are rated 'Worst'.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 264.

Sincerely,

Minerva Quigley-Gentner
minervaqg@icloud.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Kiana Quigley and I am Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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I am a coda and come from a large deaf family and would love for them to all be able to enjoy going to the movies and not have to worry about if subtitles will be available for them.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 264.

Sincerely,

Kiana Quigley
kianaquigley2@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Andrea Rabinwotiz and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Rabinwoitz
Arabinwoitz615@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Luisa Ramirez and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore County.

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Sincerely,

Luisa Ramirez
luisafrq@hotmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Jamie Recht and I am DeafBlind. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Jamie Recht
jsrecht@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Scott Recht and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Scott Recht
sarecht@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Rewolinski and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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I love to watch the outside movies and eating the delicious popcorn and had once wearing the googled glasses that annoying my nose. I stopped going there. When I was in college student in 1980, I used to go to foreign movies that had subtitles and I enjoyed it very much. Why can we have normal life by going to movies like hearing would watch when the open- captions is there.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 264.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rewolinski
brewolinski@facebook.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is MaryAnn Richmond and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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My story... We, the deaf and hard of hearing people, pay the same admission fee as the people who can hear to watch movies which do not give us access to voices spoken. That's not equitable.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 264.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Richmond
deafmousie@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Rebecca Rienzi and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore County.

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I am the Executive Director of Pathfinders for Autism, a statewide autism organization that serves over 17,000 Maryland residents each year. Individuals with autism utilize varied communication supports, including captioning. We support making movie theaters in the state accessible for all Maryland residents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 264.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rienzi
rienzi@pfamd.org

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Maribel Robertson and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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My husband, my son, and I are deaf. We love to go to the movie theater. It is much easier to view movies with open captions on the screen. The available caption allows the deaf community to enjoy watching movie captions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on HB 264.

Sincerely,

Maribel Robertson
maribelr03@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Adrianna Rocha and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Adrianna Rocha
akalianax4@gmail.com

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Gabriel Rubinstein, Attorney, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Gabriel Rubinstein, Attorney, Disability Rights Maryland
GabrielR@DisabilityRightsMD.org

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Millie Russo and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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