

February 16, 2023

Judicial Proceedings Committee
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State Capitol
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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Equals access to everyone. Important for me to understand movies story.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 400.

Sincerely,

Sean Hourihan
sfhourihan@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Constance Howard, and I am Hearing. I live in Kent County.

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Sincerely,

Constance Howard
cmehow@hotmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Kenton Hoxie, and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Kenton Hoxie
kentonh@yahoo.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Xian Huang, and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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How can I understand movies without Open Captioning? I need Open Captioning for my accessibility.

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Sincerely,

Xian Huang
feiduel@hotmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Brook Hubbard and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Brook Hubbard
Bchubbard1976@yahoo.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Rena Hughes, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,
Rena Hughes
renahughes_1999@yahoo.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is William Hughes, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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It's difficult to read the captions through special devices. Far easier to read it on the screen itself.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 400.

Sincerely,
William Hughes
hugheswilliam445@yahoo.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Thomas Hunt, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Hunt
Ichthus94117@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Sarah Iwamoto, and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Open Captions are for all movie theaters for me and everyone for the accessibility.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 400.

Sincerely,

Sarah Iwamoto
sarah.iwamoto2010@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is E. Lynn Jacobowitz and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Open captions are not just for us Deaf people. They're excellent for children, 2nd language learners, elderly people with some hearing loss, military veterans who lost hearing during wars, people with language delays, multitaskers, & many more people. If you have sound, then turn them off & see what we all experience. Make captions equitable to sound.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and I appreciate your support on SB 400.

Sincerely,

E. Lynn Jacobowitz
drlynnjaco.aslstar@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Alexander Jacobs and I am Deaf. I live in Howard County.

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Sincerely,

Alexander Jacobs
jacobsaa@aol.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Alyssa Jennings and I am Hearing. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Alyssa Jennings
Alyssajennings33@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Jill and I am DeafBlind. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Jill
Jilanca65@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Kevin Johnson, and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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Accessibility equality for deaf people going to movie theaters.

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Sincerely,
Kevin Johnson
icebeg94@aol.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Rae Johnson, and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,
Rae Johnson
raejohnson21@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Ashley Johnston and I am Deaf. I live in Anne Arundel County.

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Sincerely,

Ashley Johnston
Ashleydawn271@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Tina Joyner, and I am Deaf. I live in Frederick County.

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It's high time to make some changes in our community. Since Governor Moore said it is time not to leave anyone behind, this is the one. Let's get things to change.

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Sincerely,

Tina Joyner
tina@joyner8.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Minar Kamdar, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Accessibility with an open caption is important for deaf people to understand after they read it in a movie.

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Sincerely,

Minar Kamdar
mkamdar4@aol.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Vinay Kammarchedu, and I am Hearing. I live in Baltimore City.

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Sincerely,

Vinay Kammarchedu
vkc5120@psu.edu

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Joanna Karp and I am Deaf. I live in Baltimore City.

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Joanna Karp
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