

February 16, 2023

Judicial Proceedings Committee
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State Capitol
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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Sincerely,
YoungHae Park-Palabrica
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Debra Patkin, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,

Debra Patkin
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My name is Larry Pearce, and I am Deaf. I live in Montgomery County.

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Sincerely,
Larry Pearce
ravenclaw70@gmail.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Carolyn Perry and I am Deaf. I live in Prince George's County.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Perry
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Kate Peters, and I am Hard of Hearing. I live in Frederick County.

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Sincerely,

Kate Peters
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Kristie Pichler, and I am Hearing. I live in Queen Anne's County.

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We recently went to the movies in Easton, MD and we requested a caption device for our Hard of Hearing son. We both gave up when we weren't able to read the captions in the same vision plane as the movie.

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

Sincerely,

Kristie Pichler
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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

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I'm in desire for the freedom of watching movies without needing to use devices and without guessing what the story plot was about if the devices weren't available. I want to be like those hearing people who have full access with great pleasure and relaxation during movies. I envy them. I wish for the same freedom.

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

Sincerely,

Elke Pieters
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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John Polansky
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Dear Judicial Proceedings 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
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Dear Judicial Proceedings 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 Judicial Proceedings 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 Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Khadijah Poston
pathtogreatness330@gmail.com

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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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Khamonnie Powell
Khamonnie-powell@pcps.org

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Dear Judicial Proceedings 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 suck.

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

Sincerely,
Minerva Quigley-Gentner
minveraqq@icloud.com

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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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.

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Sincerely,

Kiana Quigley
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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

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Sincerely,

Andrea Rabinwoitz
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Dear Judicial Proceedings 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 Judicial Proceedings 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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