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Parent Staff Association

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Dear Senate and House Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to support SB 92 and HB 426 - Open Captioning Movie Bill, sponsored by Senator Benjamin Brooks and Delegate Harry Bhandari-. This bill will require all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and require that certain motion picture houses provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

Captioning, also known as same-language subtitles, benefits everyone who watches videos (children, adolescents, college students, and adults). More than 100 empirical studies document that captioning a video improves comprehension of, attention to, and memory for the video. Captions are particularly beneficial for persons watching videos in their non-native language, for children and adults learning to read, and for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Most importantly, the bill provides communities with the assurance and peace of mind that they have access to the movie without using devices or other methods same as other people who go to the movie.

For more details, you may view the Facebook page at "Maryland Open-Captioned Movies-MOCM".

Your letter of support to both the Economic Matters Committee and

Judicial Proceedings Committee will be so greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you need additional information. You can reach me at msdfpsa@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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