

January 30, 2024

Dear Members of the Lower Shore Delegation,

On behalf of The City of Salisbury, I would like to show my support for SB 92 and HB 426 for open captioned movies. Individuals of all abilities would benefit if movie theatres provided open-captioned films for at least two weekly screenings. The City of Salisbury's Disability Advisory Committee looked into the matter on the Eastern Shore and discovered that if an individual would like to see an open captioned film, they would have to reserve a private screening online, purchase a minimum of IO tickets in advance, and provide at least a 7-day notification to Regal Cinemas. To make it even more confusing, open captioning is not an option in the drop-down menu for private screenings. Open captions are preferred over closed captions due to their more inclusive user experience.

On behalf of the City of Salisbury, I request that you support SB 92 and HB 426.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor