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Dear MD Delegate/Senator:

On behalf of Bay Area Center for Independent Living, 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 screenings a week. After looking into the matter on the Eastern Shore, I 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 10 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. Why does it have to be this difficult? Let's level the playing field.

On behalf of Bay Area Center for Independent Living, I am requesting that you support SB 92 and HB 426.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Respectfully,

  
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