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Dear Members of Economic Matters Committee and the State of Maryland Legislation

The Board of the Maryland Deaf Community (MDCC) strongly encourages you all to support House Bill 1363 (Open Captioning Movie Bill) for the benefit of the deaf community in the state of Maryland. This bill will provide accessibility for all people of hearing loss that needs to read captions on film.. For years, people with hearing loss were not able to enjoy the benefits of watching movies on the big screen and then later they needed to wear cumbersome devices to read captions and now there is open captioning like what we have on tv shows. This gives the people who have hearing loss full accessibility just like their hearing peers.

Please support HB 1363.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn Lally Secretary of MDCC Board

Linda Stoltz, President of MDCC Board