

January 23, 2020

Rep. Ann Pugh  
Chair, House Human Services Committee  
Vermont State House  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear Representative Pugh:

I am a clinical audiologist working in Central Vermont and I'm writing you in support of H. 312 – the proposal on open caption legislation.

As a clinician who works daily with the hearing-impaired population of Vermont, I can tell you that this type of legislation could make a significant difference in the lives of the 60,000+ Vermonters who have hearing loss. I think it's safe to say we have all seen friends and family with hearing loss exhibit signs of social isolation due to their impairment – and something as simple as going to the movies has become a task too difficult to enjoy.

H. 312 requires open caption screenings to be clearly identified on all marketing materials, so that movie goers can choose showtimes with or without captions. The simple act of offering a small number of open caption screenings could bring many people back to the movies – enhancing their social experiences and in turn be a benefit to the theaters that offer them.

Please consider supporting H. 312, it could make a positive difference in the lives of many Vermonters. Thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,



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