

Senator Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Representative Greg Smith,
Co-Chair Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street
NE Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner Hayward and Representative Smith, and the Members of the Subcommittee on General Government:

I am writing in support of SB 772.

As a person who has had a severe to profound hearing loss, and is currently completely Deaf (I am a recipient of bilateral cochlear implants), I have a considerable knowledge of, and need for, Captioning in order to fully understand what is being said on television.

As a former Board member of both the Oregon state association of Hearing Loss Association of America and the Portland chapter of that same organization, I have been an advocate for both Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals for over 30 years.

It is estimated that close to 20 % of the population has some degree of hearing loss. Captioning is a fantastic tool for providing access to televised communication to persons with this disability.

Please work to pass SB 772.

Thanks you.

Sincerely,

/s/

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