

As a retired physician who's also Deaf, I know that communication is critical to the safety and well being of everyone. Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing people are in a position of severe danger when we can't get accurate information. I've first hand seen Deaf people receive incorrect information from otherwise well meaning medical professionals as well as ASL Interpreters who weren't skilled, but were "all that was available." To require that qualified medical ASL interpreters (one who is skilled in medical terminology and has demonstrated the ability to interpret medical information) is vital to every Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing person and I am asking that you support this Bill. It's my hope that you choose to protect those who are unable to defend for themselves.