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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3974
Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I'm doing everything I can to secure housing and make a living, but it feels like I'm constantly falling short. Every dollar counts right now—and even just a few more dollars could mean gas to get to work, food on the table, or keeping my insurance active. When application fees stack up, it pulls money away from my most basic needs. Making housing more accessible means giving people like me a real chance to stabilize our lives.

I urge you to pass HB 3974, capping application fees at \$20. These fees place a significant burden on low-income renters, making it harder to secure stable housing, particularly for marginalized communities. As a result, many families remain in unstable living conditions. With this cap, landlords can still check all essential criteria—credit, background, and rental history—without overcharging applicants. Passing this bill would not only reduce barriers to housing but also increase community safety by providing more people access to stable housing.

Thank you.