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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2967

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2967. My husband and I own a small mobile home park in a very rural community. Rental properties here are scarce, yet the demand remains high. We are responsible housing providers and conduct thorough screening to ensure that tenants are qualified. We charge a \$23 pass-through fee for screening checks, which is very reasonable and limits frivolous applications. If an applicant does not get as far as the screening verification process, we return their money.

Not charging screening fees to potential applicants may seem like a good idea, but this policy unfairly places additional financial burdens on housing providers. By having a nominal fee in place, we can ensure that only serious applicants apply. Removing this fee could result in an influx of applications from individuals who may not be genuinely interested in the property, further complicating the rental process and potentially leading to longer vacancy periods.

Oregon already imposes rent control, further limiting a landlord's ability to cover increasing costs. If the Legislature continues adding expenses to housing providers, Oregon will soon have no affordable housing. This continued financial strain will inevitably lead many providers to reconsider their participation in the rental market, reducing available housing options rather than increasing them.

Thank you for taking the time to review my perspective on this matter. I kindly urge you to reconsider the proposed bill. Your attention and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robin Jackson
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