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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 a hardworking Oregonian whose family has lived here for generations. I care deeply about fairness in housing and holding our elected officials accountable for the commitment they've made to the people in this state. Excessive application fees keep many families from even having a chance at a home—especially since these fees often far exceed actual screening costs. Implementing a cap on these fees of \$20 makes housing more accessible, while still allowing landlords to conduct necessary background and credit checks.

This bill would ease the financial burden on low-income renters, particularly those in marginalized communities, helping more families secure stable housing. I implore this committee to use its power to reduce barriers, promote equity, and improve community safety by passing HB 3974.

Thank you.