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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

As a woman in recovery, I recently moved into the first place that accepted me—but now I'm surrounded by constant drug activity, which puts my stability at risk. If I hadn't been priced out of so many applications, I might have had a safer choice, but I just didn't have any other options. No one should have to choose between their safety and a roof over their head.

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.