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There are no programs that I know of that help with rental application fees costs. Being a single mom, working at a fast food establishment for the last almost ten years, I don't have extra income to afford relocation costs. Moving my family to a neighborhood with more opportunities isn't feasible right now, but it could be if the cost of one application fee wasn't equal to half of what I spend on a week's worth of groceries.

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.