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Application fees are a costly addition to renters. Many must in addition to securing roughly 3 months worth of rent, on a short turn around, also submit multiple applications because they do not know who will get back to them or if the units listed as available will stay that way. These costs are borne often by the poorest in our society and given to companies who are under no obligation to do anything with them. Myself I have paid 100s in application fees to rental companies that never called me or acknowledged my application. I did this at the lowest income point in my life. It is fair and reasonable to limit these fees so as not to continue to place high burdens on people who are least capable of carrying it.

I urge members of the committee to pass this bill.