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I am a renter in favor of the 20 dollar cap on application fees. So far, I have already sunk close to 200 dollars between 4 applications for housing in the last 2 weeks. All four total housemates have been submitting about 55 dollars per application. None of the applications we submitted were the first in line, so none were processed - and all that money is gone. We have no idea how many more times we will have to go through this application process before securing housing. One listing was incorrectly posted by the leasing agent, and we suffered an 8-hour penalty due to their fault which resulted in us not getting the property. We each paid 55 dollars for that application. Another time we all submitted applications - and then the listed was taken down. When it was reposted by a rental agency, I asked if our applications and fees could be used since had already submitted them, and they said no we would have to resubmit and repay the fee. Unfortunately, all of this puts renters in a rough situation where we are sinking costs into application fees where this is no visibility, accountability, or power. It leaves renters in need of housing helpless to the landlords' goodwill. For those reasons, I am in support of a 20 dollar application fee cap. Thank you.