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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Senator Jama and Vice-Chair Senator Anderson,

I am here today to support House Bill 2680. In 2019, the legislature made strides towards fairness and accessibility in housing by passing Senate Bill 484. The measure limited landlords to charging one screening fee per applicant and guaranteed applicants the right to a refund if they were screened without being offered the unit. I see this bill as a follow-up, closing loopholes and advancing transparency.

House Bill 2680 requires landlords to confirm with applicants when their screening has taken place and to inform them of their right to a refund. Refunds must be issued to applicants within 14 days if a different applicant fills the unit and the screening has occurred, or if screening has yet to occur and the applicant has already withdrawn their application.

When trying to rent, one could spend up to hundreds of dollars in fees and charges that ultimately go in vain. It can be a difficult and taxing process, but I believe HB 2680 works towards making renting more accessible and transparent. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zach Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.