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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2967

Hello Legislators, I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2967. While shifting application and screening fees may seem well-intended, this policy unfairly places additional financial burdens on housing providers. Responsible landlords invest in thorough screening processes to ensure that tenants are well-qualified, fostering safe and stable communities.

Oregon already imposes rent control, further limiting a landlord's ability to cover increasing costs, which remain uncapped. This continued financial strain will inevitably lead many housing providers to reconsider their participation in the rental market, reducing available housing options rather than increasing them.

Oregon's housing crisis cannot be solved by policies that discourage investment in rental housing. Instead, the focus should be on increasing the housing supply through development incentives and streamlining construction regulations. Policies that further strain housing providers will only worsen the issue, ultimately harming both landlords and tenants.

I urge you to oppose HB 2967 and support solutions that encourage housing growth rather than penalizing those who provide it.

Sincerely,

Paras Shah