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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2967
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Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, S-409
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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson,

Dear Representatives,

I urge you to pass HB 2967 to prohibit landlords from charging application fees. These fees create a major financial burden for low-income renters, making it harder to secure stable housing.

As a therapist, I have witnessed this hardship multiple times for clients experiencing homelessness. I have seen clients who are trying to get into housing have to wait because they cannot afford the application fees at the time.

These fees disproportionately affect marginalized communities and keep families trapped in unstable housing situations. Landlords have little incentive to keep these fees low. Existing regulations make it difficult for tenants to enforce their rights.

Eliminating these fees will help reduce barriers to housing and give renters a better chance at stability.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Montoya