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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson,

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.

In addition, the "burden" of screening applicants should be treated the same as the "burden" of unit maintenance: the landlord is responsible for their own expenses in regards to their own property. They are not owed additional fees by those who may or may not end up receiving any benefit at all from their "labor". I think that paying for the "opportunity" to receive something in this way is particularly anti-consumer and anti-American.