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Reading applications is part of being a landlord, they are paid back for the 5 minutes that it takes and then some in the massive profits they receive from rents. It is a widely known issue that some landlords will intentionally collect application fees from tenants they know they will not accept/ for units that they already have active applications on just to pocket the sometimes very expensive application fees with no intention of ever processing. Especially for low income renters these fees create a significant burden on finding or changing housing. Renters already are at a significant disadvantage in the power dynamic of housing and anything that can be done to make housing easier to find helps reduce this vulnerability.