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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2967

To: Rep Marsh, Chair, House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

From: Glenna Hayes

Re: Support for HB2967

Chair Marsh and members of the committee, my name is Glenna Hayes and I live in Portland OR. I have lived in Oregon for 14 years mainly renting shared housing due to the high cost. I have had to move several times due to landlords selling properties or roommate dynamics shifting and every time application fees become a bigger and bigger barrier. At the last shared housing I had each member of our group had to submit an application with a fee of \$50. There were 5 of us for every application, and even when we did not get the house we still had to lose out on the application fee. You will hear from landlords and property developers many excuses for application fees, but the reality of it is the cost per applicant is well above the actual cost it takes to run a background check on an individual. That was \$250 per house we applied for. That was just our application fees as well. It is ridiculous to charge per applicant who is just applying for the housing. It is a huge barrier to many people in a variety of communities and the passive profit rental companies and landlords make from these fees is out of control and needs to be addressed. Please pass HB2967 as this will help remove a huge barrier to accessing housing and stop greedy landlords from making profit off an application they do not even run most of the time. Thank you for your time.