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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3974

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

As the father of a 9-year-old, my number one priority is taking care of him—making sure he’s safe, fed, and has a stable place to call home. Every time I have to spend \$50 on an application fee, that’s money I can’t use to buy groceries, pay for his school clothes, or keep the power on. If fees were capped at \$20, it might not seem like a lot to some, but to me, it could be the difference between struggling and just barely staying afloat. I shouldn’t have to choose between giving my son what he needs and trying to find a safe place for us to live.

I urge you to pass HB 3974, capping application fees at \$20. These fees place a significant burden on low-income renters, making it harder to secure stable housing, particularly for marginalized communities. As a result, many families remain in unstable living conditions. With this cap, landlords can still check all essential criteria—credit, background, and rental history—without overcharging applicants. Passing this bill would not only reduce barriers to housing but also increase community safety by providing more people access to stable housing.

Thank you.