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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3974

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

I've believed for years that there needed to be a cap on rental application fees—they've gotten out of control. I'm originally from the Eugene area, and when I heard they enforce a \$10 cap on application fees, I actually started thinking about moving back. It's not just that it would make moving more affordable—it also says something about the town's values. It shows they care about fairness and making housing accessible for everyone, not just those who can afford to apply over and over again.

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.