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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,

As the sole supporter of a family of six, living on just one income as a renter in Central Oregon is already incredibly tough. Every dollar has to be stretched to cover the basics, and when you're facing astronomical application fees on top of all the other moving costs, it makes an already difficult process almost impossible. These fees don't just add up—they create real barriers for families like mine who are simply trying to find a safe, stable place to call home.

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.