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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3974

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

As a renter in Bend and someone who works professionally on matters involving affordable housing, I see firsthand how excessive application fees can be a major barrier for those seeking safe and stable housing. Everyone deserves a fair and equal opportunity to access housing, and financial constraints should never stand in the way of that. Capping application fees at \$20 is a simple, reasonable step toward making the housing process more equitable and accessible for all.

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.