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House Committee On Rules

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HB3974

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

As a renter who cares deeply about fair access to housing, I know how disheartening it is to apply to multiple places and not get approved—especially when each application costs \$40, or more. After just three applications, I've spent over \$100, and for many people, that's simply not feasible. Our legislators should be doing everything they can to make the process of securing housing more reasonable and affordable for everyone. Capping application fees at \$20 is a common-sense step toward that goal.

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.