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I am a 28 year old trans woman who has been pushed out of the "professional" rental market because my low income and periodic unemployment prevents me from paying application and other fees. I am currently on SNAP, UT, and Medicaid benefits and searching for work, and I only have housing because of my luck in searching through listings on the queer message board, Lex. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago, and am searching for jobs to rejoin the professional job market, but it is difficult in the current job market and I may be relegated to low-wage service work for many months before that search is successful. HB 3564 would give marginalized ^{but} potentially productive workers like myself the opportunity to navigate housing searches with dignity and security, not anxiety that keeps me from thinking about my future.