Response to Invoice for Bed Bug Extermination

Landlord*:* John

Address: 123 Main Cambridge

I, Michael McKeown reside at your property located at 123 Main Boston.

This is a response to the invoice you sent me for bed bug treatment. I call your attention to Minnesota Statutes § 504B.161, subdivision 1, which makes the landlord responsible for maintenance unless the problem was caused by the “willful, malicious, or irresponsible conduct of the tenant.” I have not engaged in any such conduct regarding the bed bugs. Therefore, like any other maintenance problem — leaky toilet, flying bats in the attic, etc — the cost of dealing with the problem falls on you as landlord and not me as tenant.

Since your invoice appears to violate Minnesota law I do not plan to pay it. Please rescind the invoice within fourteen days.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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|  | December 12, 2017 |

*Tenant’s Signature Date*