{{ letter\_date }}

{%p if knows\_landlord\_name == True %}

{{ landlords[0].name.full(middle="full") }}

{%p else %}

Landlord of {{ rental\_property.on\_one\_line() }}

{%p endif %}

{%p if defined(‘landlord.address.address’) %}

{{ landlord.address.line\_one(bare=True) }}

{{ landlord.address.line\_two() }}

{%p endif %}

Dear {% if knows\_landlord\_name == True %}{{ landlords[0].name.full(middle="full") }}{% else %}Landlord of {{ rental\_property.on\_one\_line(bare=True) }}{% endif %}:

I am a tenant at {{ rental\_property .on\_one\_line(bare=True) }}. I am writing to inform you of an illegal lockout that happened on or around {{ lockout\_date }}. The illegal lockout included: {{ lockout\_methods }}.

{%p if jurisdiction !=”il” %}

Under the {{ jurisdiction\_full}}, lockouts are against the law. Lockouts are any action (or threat of action) by a landlord that prevent a tenant from living in or accessing their unit.

{%p endif %}

{% if jurisdiction ==”il” %}This lockout is against the law. {% endif %}The only acceptable method to evict a tenant is to file an Eviction Complaint in court through the Illinois Eviction Act, 735 ILCS 5/9-101. Only a judge can order a tenant to move out of a house or apartment, and only the Sheriff's office can enforce an eviction, not a landlord. This is true even if the tenant is behind in rent, if the lease has expired, or if there is no written lease.

**I am demanding that you immediately stop this illegal lockout and restore access to my home.**

{%p if jurisdiction !=”il” %}

Under the {{ jurisdiction\_short}}, an illegal lockout can result in a money judgment against a landlord of two months’ rent or twice the actual damages that I suffered, plus attorney’s fees.

{%p endif %}

Sincerely,

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| {%if add\_signature == True %}{{ user.signature }}{% else %}  {% endif %} |

{{ user.name.full(middle="full") }}

{%p if defined(‘user.phone’) and include\_phone == True %}

{{ phone\_number\_formatted(user.phone) }}

{%p endif %}

{%p if defined(‘user.email’) and include\_email == True %}

{{ user.email }}

{%p endif %}