Date:

To:

*Landlord’s Name*

*Street address*

*City, state and zip*

Re: Possession of residence

I am writing about the place I rent from you at (your rental address):

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On (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you or your agents locked me out of my rental unit.

Washington’s Residential Landlord-Tenant Act at **RCW 59.18.290** states it is unlawful for a landlord to remove or exclude from the premises a tenant except under a court order.

You have no court order permitting this lock-out. I have not abandoned the rental unit and have no intention of abandoning it.

I will consider you responsible for any loss or damage to my property that occurs before you allow me to return.

I demand you restore possession of the residence to me immediately. Please call me so we can work out how you will get the new key to me.

If you do not give me immediate access to the residence, I will seek assistance from the sheriff and/or the Superior Court to get back possession of the residence.

*Sign here Print name*

*Street address*

*City, state and zip*

*Phone number / Email - optional*