Response to Invoice for Repairs

\_\_«lname»\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Landlord*

\_\_«lstreet»\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

\_\_«laddress»\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*City, State, Zipcode*

I, \_\_«tname»\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reside at your property located at

*(Print tenant’s name)*

\_\_\_«tstreet», «taddress».\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Address, city, state, zip)*

This is a response to the invoice you sent me for repairs. I call to your

attention Minnesota Statute § 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 problems necessitating this repair. Therefore, like any other maintenance problem —leaky faucet, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_«signature»\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ February 27, 2018

*Tenant’s Signature Date*