Response to Invoice for Bed Bug Extermination

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

*Landlord*

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

*Street Address*

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

*City, State, Zipcode*

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

*(Print tenant’s name)*

\_\_«tstreet», «laddress»\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Address, city, state, zip)*

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.

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

*Tenant’s Signature Date*