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Landlord's Name:

Landlord's Address:

Re: Bed Bug Extermination Demand

Dear Landlord,

I am writing this letter to notify you of a known or suspected bed bug infestation at my address,\_\_\_\_\_. I suspect my apartment is infested with bed bugs because I saw bedbugs and/or the residents in my unit have bites, stings, irritations or sores believed to be caused by bedbugs.

According to the Cook County Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance Section 42-810(D), effective June 1, 2021, it is your responsibility, as the landlord, to provide extermination services by a pest management professional within **ten days** of receipt of this letter, as many times as necessary to totally eliminate the bed bug infestation. You are also to maintain a written record of the pest control services provided by the pest management professional.

The Ordinance requires you to conduct an inspection, and if necessary, the treatment of the two dwelling units on either side of the affected dwelling unit and the two units directly above and below the affected dwelling unit.

Be advised that Section 42-812 of the Ordinance prohibits you from retaliating against me for requesting repairs. This includes (but is not limited to) terminating my tenancy, increasing rent, decreasing services, or threatening to bring an eviction lawsuit, or refusing to renew my lease. Any such action within 1 year is presumed to be retaliatory and would entitle me to two times rent or actual damages, plus my reasonable attorneys' fees.

Sincerely,

Sign Name\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address, Unit #

Phone #