**LETTERHEAD**

**DATE**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing regarding my patient, PATIENT NAME, who is a # year old who lives at ADDRESS including APT# in a building you manage. It has come to my attention that PATIENT’s apartment has unhealthy conditions: infested with cockroaches/mice. Exposure to such environmental hazards can put tenants' health at risk.

My patient has DISEASE [allergies, asthma and eczema] and these exposures increase the severity of their disease. This puts PATIENT at risk for asthma attacks, hospitalizations, and absences from school, which can be detrimental to their health, development and well-being.

Asthma is a leading cause of emergency room visits, hospitalizations and missed school days. Pests (cockroaches, mice) and mold affect indoor air quality and are common asthma triggers in children who have asthma. A severe asthma attack can lead to an emergency room visit and hospitalization. We know that asthma can be controlled by taking measures to avoid asthma triggers such as preventing mold and pest-proofing homes.

Tenants are entitled to safe and habitable housing. For the health and safety of PATIENT and the other tenants in your building, I respectfully advise that you immediately remedy this problem. For more information about safer pest control, see the National Pesticide Information Center:<http://npic.orst.edu/pest/ipm.html>

Please feel free to contact me at NUMBER if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**NAME, MD**

**Clinic Address**