Dear [Resident],

You are receiving this notice because we have been notified by HOME Line that you have been summoned to court in an eviction case.

We understand that the eviction process can be confusing and complicated to navigate and we want to help you to be prepared for your court date. **It is very important that you show up to court to have the chance to defend yourself.** Most court hearings are being held virtually and you should have received information in the mail informing you of the date and time of your hearing.

While the eviction moratorium has been lifted by Govenor Walz, there are protections that have been put in place to protect renters that are still behind on rent.

**Your landlord cannot file against you for non-payment of rent if you have already applied for assistance with your rent and your application is in the *processing/pending* phase.**

If you believe that your landlord has filed an eviction suit against you for non-payment of rent and you have not yet filed for assistance, it is recommended that you begin the process of applying for rent assistance through the state program renthelpmn.

**Please visit renthelpmn.org or call 211 for more information and to begin your application.**

**If you do not have access to a computer you can call VEAP’s housing line at 952-888-9616 for assistance with filling out the application**

*For further assistance and legal questions that you may have about the eviction process you can contact:*

* HOME Line – 612-728-5767
* Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid – 612-334-5970

Best,

[your name]

[your contact info]