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Dear Dr. Thomas:

On behalf of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, its some 7,000 members, and myself, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations on your recent selection as person of the week by the *La Presse* newspaper.

Sexually transmitted diseases – particularly AIDS – are a public health problem of concern to us all and your efforts over the past twenty years have contributed to many improvements in the treatment of people living with this infection. The efforts you have made to help sufferers around the world through Médecins du Monde as well as those in the metropolitan region have helped to build a more humane city that is fighting poverty and exclusion.

Over the past two decades you have not only helped treat many patients but you have also conducted an impressive information campaign aiming to eliminate prejudice and allow those living with HIV/AIDS to enjoy a higher quality of life. It is to be hoped that, in the not too distant future, through education and awareness raising, they will be able to emerge from the solitude that still weighs so heavily upon them.

As an organization focused on the development of Montreal – which necessarily requires better social cohesion – we are delighted with this acknowledgment of your continued efforts and the importance of the work you do.

Congratulations once again on this well-deserved honour.

With highest regards,

Benoit Labonté
President and CEO