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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

C. ROBERT COATES  
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URGENT! NOW YOUR VOTE FOR NEW DIRECTORS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT NORTHFIELD

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Dear Northfield Investor:

For the first time ever you have the opportunity to directly influence the value of your stock in Northfield Labs and the company's future.

We've all suffered through the bad news of the FDA refusing to even consider Northfield's seriously flawed Biologic Application for PolyHeme.... We've stood by watching helplessly as our investments plunged in value.... We've watched and patiently waited for any sign that Northfield's directors and management cared enough to even communicate with us.

With the stock hitting new lows and the wall of silence still surrounding Northfield, you've probably wondered how shareholders could ever improve the situation....

Now there is a way. This year two new, truly independent, candidates are challenging the incumbent directors of the Northfield Board. Bert Williams and C. Robert Coates are making this a real election and giving shareholders a choice in directors. And we have a well-defined and documented plan that can increase the value of your Northfield shares.

By voting for Bert Williams and C. Robert Coates you will play a key role in bringing shareholders the representation they deserve on the Northfield Board.

We believe in PolyHeme's commercial potential and so do the many experts we've talked to about this life saving product. We are certain that we can help attract a major pharmaceutical company to partner with Northfield Labs. Then Northfield Labs can gain the management talent and additional money it desperately needs for FDA approval and the production and sale of its breakthrough product.

We're going to need your support in getting out the vote. I personally have lost a huge amount of my money in Northfield stock and now I'm paying for all the costs of this expensive proxy contest. So I would appreciate your sharing this news with any other Northfield investors you know. By the way, Northfield's directors are going to use your money and my money to try and stop us. They could easily have invited Bert and me to join the board but they chose not to do so.

Please don't wait another day to turnaround Northfield. Please review our proxy and press release now and then sign and mail your ballot.

Thank you. Here's to a brighter future for our investments in Northfield Labs.

C. Robert Coates

P.S. It's important that we get your comments and suggestions. We want to represent your interests, no matter how many shares you own. Please call us at 1-800-295-0841, extension 240 or e-mail us at [sgoldberg@rcoates.com](mailto:sgoldberg@rcoates.com). Let's work together to restore confidence in America's publicly traded companies by making a good example of Northfield Labs.