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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

C. ROBERT COATES  
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Coates and Williams Ask Northfield: 'Tell the Truth'

LAKE FOREST, Ill, Aug. 23, 2002 -- C. Robert Coates and Bert Williams, independent candidates seeking seats on the board of Northfield Laboratories Inc. (Nasdaq: NFLD), today asked the company's directors and CEO to retract a press release and letter from them to shareholders that was riddled with incomplete and misleading statements.

"We're very disappointed in the directors and CEO of Northfield and view this as a desperate attempt by them to deprive shareholders of any real ownership in the company," said Coates. "Apparently they have been looking at the confidential vote count coming into them and us each day and are afraid that Northfield's shareholders will for the first time gain truly independent representation on the board. They know that Bert Williams and I will hold management accountable for increasing the value of Northfield's shares and gaining FDA approval for Polyheme."

Coates summarized the situation at Northfield by saying, "We believe that when you run a company, you must hold yourself accountable to the shareholders for results and tell the truth." He added that he and Bert Williams would be issuing a press release on Monday morning to refute Northfield's "smear campaign."

In the meantime, he urged Northfield shareholders not to be misled and to cast the white ballots for Coates and Williams and discard Northfield's blue ballot.

### Contact Information

If you are a shareholder with comments, suggestions or questions about receiving a Coates-Williams proxy, please call Simon Goldberg of the Robert Coates Group at 1-800-295-0841, extension 240 or e-mail us at [sgoldberg@rcoates.com](mailto:sgoldberg@rcoates.com) .

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