NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS – AUTHORIZED CLASS ACTION – Conseil pour la protection des malades et Daniel Pilote c. CISSS de la Montérégie-Centre et al. - N° 500-06-000933-180

On September 23, 2019, the Superior Court of Quebec for the district of Montreal authorized a Class Action against the 22 centres intégrés de santé et de services sociaux ("CISSS") and centres intégrés universitaires de santé et de services sociaux ("CIUSSS") of Québec, the Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine and the Centre universitaire de Santé McGill ("Defendants") for the benefit of the following group of persons:

"All people who have resided in a public residential and long-term care centre ("CHSLD") after July 9th, 2015, excluding persons who have stayed in a « temporary bed » for a period of thirty (30) days or less per stay in a CHSLD.

Temporary bed designates more particularly but not limited to: "respite beds", "emergency beds", "transitional beds", "convalescence beds", "overflow beds", "alternative geriatric beds", "rehabilitation beds", "short-term unit beds", "intensive functional rehabilitation transitional unit beds (URFI)", "alternative beds", "social emergency beds", "transitional functional recovery beds ("UTRF") and "palliative care beds"."

Although the members of the group are automatically included in the Class Action without having to take any further steps to register, it is important for the members to come forward by filling out the form available on the site www.larochelleavocats.com, given that the group's counsels will not be able to hold information sessions in the CHSLD concerned due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The *Conseil pour la protection des malades* was appointed representative of the persons included in the Class Action, and the designated person is Mr. Daniel Pilote.

This Class Action aims to obtain compensation for damages which are alleged to have been suffered by the designated person, Daniel Pilote, and the members of the group, due to the alleged non-performance by the Defendants of their obligation to provide a substitute living environment respectful of the rights of these persons under the terms of the Act respecting health services and social services, the *Civil Code of Quebec* and the *Charter of human rights and freedoms*. This Class Action does not include members' claims or rights of action, which arise directly or indirectly from the COVID-19 pandemic, whether or not these claims or rights of action are covered by another Class Action in connection with the pandemic.

This is a short notice approved by the Honorable Donald Bisson, j.c.s., to the members of the group targeted by this Class Action concerning people who have resided in a public CHSLD after July 9, 2015. The full text of the Notice to members can be consulted on the group's lawyer website: www.larochelleavocats.com.

Important information regarding the registration, the eligibility of the members of the group, the possibility of opting out Class Action or the fact of being excluded, are specified in the complete version of the Notice to members. All people concerned by this Class Action are invited to consult the complete Notice to Members on the site www.larochelleavocats.com/chsld.

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