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Dear Dr. Montaner,

Thank you for taking the time to send me a copy of your letter to the Prime Minister regarding the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS' 90-90-90 Target to end AIDS by 2030. It was an absolute pleasure to sit down with you earlier this year to discuss how to combat this disease, and I sincerely appreciate your following up with me.

I, and the Liberal Party of Canada, are committed to achieving a future that is free of HIV and AIDS, and thank all the doctors and researchers who are taking the lead in the effort to find a cure against this deadly pandemic. Unfortunately, since taking office in 2006, the Harper Conservatives have been slow to either embrace or accept any scientific innovation, and have failed to consult with leading experts, such as yourself. Their actions have deprived many Canadians of universal access to proper treatment, as well as the care and support they need.

Should the Liberal Party of Canada form the next government, we are dedicated to taking aggressive action to combat both the disease, as well as the unfortunate stigma that continues to surround it. Our party supports the adoption of the 90-90-90 target, as embraced by both the United Nations and Ban Ki Moon. Canada must do more in the global fight against HIV/AIDS, and work to alleviate the burden of the disease on people around the world.


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Dr. Montaner, thank you once again for taking the time to write to me and following up on this important issue; I wish you all the best in your continued efforts to bring about much-needed positive change and awareness for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,

Justin P.J. Trudeau
Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada