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To: Our blood suppliers:

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AND
AABB National Blood Exchange

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the support your centers showed Boston Medical Center and the city of Boston during the April 15 bombing at the Boston Marathon. And the continued support we have throughout the year.

Thank you to the NBE staff who diligently manned several phones over hours to secure us needed blood and components. AABB's Disaster Response worked so well in action!

Thank you to the blood centers that freely shared blood during this intense time. The needed blood *directly* played a role in treating those injured, all through the initial response and continuing through our patients' multiple surgeries.

Of the 23 patients we treated at Boston Medical Center, many were critically injured and required blood. Trauma surgeons worked on 16 patients in 10 operating rooms. I am gratified to report that all are recovering from their grievous wounds.

Please extend our thanks to your donors. Their altruistic donations really help patients everyday.

Please let your donors know that **THEY SAVED LIVES IN BOSTON!!**

We are not alone – you are with us!

Thank you,
Thank you,
Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate".

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