Chers membres,

As this new year begins, I address you with honour and determination. As President of the Montreal Branch, I would like to point out the challenges that lie ahead and the strategic opportunities that arise as your National Association of Federal Retirees prepares to work with a new government in 2025.

Since my election in September 2023, I have had the privilege of seeing the resilience and unwavering commitment of our members and passionately involved volunteers. In 2024, we worked hard to strengthen our Branch, to improve our influence with our partners and policy makers, but above all to lay the foundations for a strong and constructive dialogue with other branches in Quebec, in collaboration with our national office and policy makers, in the interest of our members and of all seniors.

In 2025, our mission will take on a crucial dimension in defending your interests. The transition to a new government means that our voice will have to be heard from the very first discussions on public policies. We must continue to protect our gains and promote policies that foster a healthy, fair and secure retirement.

I invite you to join this collective effort. By actively participating in our activities, sharing your ideas and supporting our advocacy initiatives, you will play a vital role in advancing our cause. As is often mentioned, volunteering is not only rewarding, but it also amplifies our ability to influence decisions that matter. It is also a wonderful way to stay active in a tangible way, to share your skills and give back to our community.

I want to thank everyone in our Branch who advances this mission – the Board members, the volunteers, and especially you, our members. As we look to the future, let's draw inspiration from our successes to amplify our influence and work together to advocate for you as we await the next government.

With vision and solidarity, towards an ambitious and unifying future.

Jacques Lambert
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