

Harper Government Gives Termination Notice to CWB CEO in Move to Eliminate Democratic Farmer Control and to dismantle the Farmers Marketing Agency

(Western Canada) The Harper government has launched another unprecedented attack on the Canadian Wheat Board. With their notice of termination to 30 year veteran of the grain trade, CEO Adrian Measner, the Harper Government continues their ideological attack on the farmers' democratically controlled marketing agency.

“Our farmer elected Board of Directors selected Mr Measner and he has been performing in an excellent manner on behalf of the organization” stated Art Macklin CWB Director for District 1. At an urgently called meeting of the CWB Board of Directors this morning, the Board passed a motion expressing complete confidence in Adrian Measner and requesting Minister Strahl to reconsider the notice of termination and to consult with the CWB Board of Directors on this matter.

This latest action by the Harper government is one of a long list of unprecedented abuses of Ministerial power and undemocratic actions to undermine and dismantle the CWB. The list includes refusing to have meaningful discussions with the CWB Board and management, closed door meetings with those ideologically opposed to farmer market power and orderly marketing, a biased task force report, a gag order on the CWB, removing eligible voters from the CWB voters list and other election tampering.

“This latest attack not only escalates the confrontation but could have serious implications to the CWB's business relationships with farmers, domestic and international customers and staff” concluded Macklin.

The notice of termination gives no cause for the termination and gives Mr. Measner until Dec.14th to respond to the Minister in writing.

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