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FIRING OF WHEAT BOARD CEO UNPRECEDENTED AND COWARDLY

"The Harper government's move to fire Adrian Measner, CEO of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB), is an insult to farmers in western Canada, and a wake-up call for all Canadians," says Stewart Wells, President of the National Farmers Union (NFU).

It has been clear from the tremendous outpouring of support for the Canadian Wheat Board that the minority Conservative government cannot use government legislation to kill the CWB. The Conservatives, instead, are opting to kill the CWB from the inside.

Since the July meetings in Saskatoon, the NFU has been saying that the Harper Conservatives will say or do anything in order to kill the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB). This is yet another example of their undemocratic and un-Canadian tactics.

All of the recent moves against the Board, including the gag order, the firing of appointed directors, the appointment of cronies to the Board, and the Director election tampering, are unprecedented and despicable acts of cowardice.

"Working together with the farmer-elected Board members, Adrian Measner has done a tremendous job on behalf of farmer interests. When Sheila Fraser, Canada's Auditor-General, went through the CWB books with a fine-toothed comb, the CWB passed with flying colours," comment Wells.

"We have nothing but respect for the conduct of Adrian Measner, and we encourage everyone, including politicians, to look for ways to block this dismissal and continue to support Mr. Measner", concluded Wells. "Mr. Measner's sharp financial and personal skills have been a tremendous asset to the CWB and the farmers that use it. The Harper Conservatives, on the other hand, have again shown themselves to be truly un-Canadian."

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