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**HARPER GOVERNMENT MUST REIMBURSE FARMERS' COSTS, SAYS NFU**

The Harper Government must move quickly to reimburse the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) and farmers for the costs associated with the government's unjustified firing of Adrian Measner in December, 2006.

In a letter to Prime Minister Harper, NFU President Stewart Wells said it is unfair that farmers, through the CWB, are forced to pay the severance costs for Mr. Measner when it is the government that is responsible for Mr. Measner's dismissal. At the time of the firing, Mr. Measner was President and CEO of the CWB.

"The firing of Mr. Measner was against the publicly-expressed wishes of the CWB Board of Directors, the majority of which are elected by farmers," stated Wells in the letter to Harper. "Now, it seems that your government is reluctant to reimburse the CWB (farmers) for Mr. Measner's severance package. As the severance package was a direct result of your government's actions, and against the wishes of the CWB Board of Directors, we ask that your government reimburse the CWB (farmers) for all costs related to the firing of Mr. Measner."

Wells concluded the issue is one of accountability. "The Harper Government is responsible for firing Mr. Measner without cause. It is therefore responsible for paying the costs associated with that decision," he stated.

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