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**ONE YEAR LATER, GOVERNMENT STILL DENYING RESPONSIBILITY**

A full year after the federal government unjustly fired Adrian Measner from the post of President and CEO of the Canadian Wheat Board, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appears to be avoiding responsibility for paying out Mr. Measner's severance package.

Mr. Measner, a 32-year employee of the CWB, was fired December 18, 2006 for adhering to the direction of the farmer-elected CWB Directors.

National Farmers Union President Stewart Wells recently sent a letter to the Prime Minister calling on the federal government to reimburse the Canadian Wheat Board, and farmers, for the full costs of the severance package. In the letter, Wells noted that "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."

Wells said the severance package for Mr. Measner was a "direct result" of the Harper Government's actions, and therefore it is the government's responsibility to cover all costs related to the firing of Mr. Measner. "The Harper Government is, in effect, stealing from farmers," he concluded.

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