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## **SWIFT CONDEMNATION NEEDED FROM HARPER AND STRAHL**

A group dedicated to killing the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) is urging its followers to inform on their neighbors by compiling a list of CWB single-desk supporters in their communities.

And in at least one instance, it is using unauthorized access to the Government of Canada's Parliamentary mailing system to deliver its message.

National Farmers Union (NFU) President Stewart Wells says there are two separate issues of concern. "Firstly, government-sponsored hit lists bring to mind images of dictators and zealots. Secondly, there is the apparent hijacking of the Government of Canada's Parliamentary mailing system, and this would bring into question the rights of elected MPs," he stated.

In late February, a routine mail-out to constituents by Conservative MP Inky Mark (Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette), also contained a seven-page insert from the anti-CWB "Market Choice Alliance". This insert was not authorized by Mr. Mark, and was inserted without his knowledge and approval. Mr. Mark is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding its insertion.

The insert, clearly identified as being from "The Market Choice Alliance", reads in part: "*Friends, The barley plebiscite, whether we like it or not, is upon us. This vote must be won! **There is an extensive effort underway across the Prairies to identify our allies for choice and those who will continue to support the single desk principle.***"

*"We need your help! Please take a few minutes today for a simple exercise which will help immensely. **Open your telephone book to your community and your neighboring communities. Make a list of producers who you believe share our commitment to choice, as well as 1 list of those who you believe are single desk proponents. Supply the community, names, and phone numbers and reply by e-mail asap. Feel free to share this communication with others who share your commitment, but act today, time is critical! Visit [www.barleyvote.ca](http://www.barleyvote.ca) for information and voting regulations. The website will provide pertinent voter assistance. You are the voice for change in your community, use it to inform and motivate your neighbors.**"*

“The Harper MPs, including Chuck Strahl, need to immediately condemn the creation of hit lists and the hijacking of the Parliamentary mailing system,” concluded Wells.

“Anything less than immediate condemnation will amount to Harper’s support of these attacks on privacy and democracy. We also urge farmers, even if they don’t support the CWB, to speak out against these tactics.”

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[Note: Hard copies of the excerpt of the unauthorized Parliamentary mailout by the Market Choice Alliance are available by contacting the NFU office at 306-652-9465.]