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MP Trost Supports Farmers' Right to Know

Ottawa – In a speech today in the House of Commons, Conservative Member of Parliament Brad Trost (Saskatoon-Humboldt) criticized the Liberals for preventing the Canadian Wheat Board from being subject to public scrutiny under federal access to information legislation.

The Conservative government made the Canadian Wheat Board subject to access to information requests under the Accountability Act. The unelected Liberal Senate took it out.

Mr. Bradley Trost (Saskatoon—Humboldt, CPC):

"Mr. Speaker, knowledge is power and this Conservative government wants to empower western Canadian farmers. We gave farmers the power to oversee how their wheat dollars are spent by the Canadian Wheat Board. We did this by including the Wheat Board in the federal accountability act.

"In this act we gave farmers the power to use access to information to investigate whether the Wheat Board was spending its dollars for the benefit of farmers. We did this by wisely allowing farmers access to information and yet we still protected commercially sensitive information. It is, after all, supposed to be the farmers' money and not the Wheat Board's money, something that is sometimes forgotten.

"Shamefully, unelected, unaccountable Liberal Party hacks had the act amended to remove the Wheat Board from this scrutiny. What are the arrogant Liberals afraid of? What are they trying to hide? Why are they afraid of farmers? Why are they afraid of the truth?"

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