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NDP Obstructionism Hurts Grain Farmers

NDP turn blind eye to grain transportation backlog

OTTAWA – By opposing government legislation to immediately resume rail operations, Jack Layton and the NDP continue to ignore the needs of Saskatchewan’s farm families, according to Brad Trost, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt:

“We need to get the grain moving again. Millions of tonnes of grain need to be shipped out to the coast. Saskatchewan’s farmers rely on reliable rail transportation. The NDP just doesn’t get it.”

“The Railway Continuation Act calls for an immediate resumption of rail operations—and, at the same time, it does NOT prevent the parties from continuing their negotiations to resolve outstanding issues. The NDP should join our effort to find a reasonable solution instead of playing the blame game.” Trost added.

“For all their talk about caring about ordinary Canadians, you would think that the NDP would stand up for farmers, potash miners, factory workers and countless other hard working men and women whose livelihoods are threatened by another rail strike,” Trost said.

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C-46 is the Railway Continuation Act, 2007

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