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## Letter to the Editor

### When will Albertans wake up?

Dear Editor:

I have always had a great deal of respect for our farmers and ranchers, but they have become a huge disappointment to me. Watching Ralph Klein treat them like a bunch of morons, while they continued to support him was a shocking experience. Everything he did made it harder for them to survive.

Now as we learn that the Klein government wasn't collecting all of the oil royalties owed to Albertans we are told that we are in danger of losing 40 percent of our cow - calf operators by Christmas. Thanks to Ralph Klein, Alberta taxpayers have lost billions of dollars that could have been used to save these producers, and unfortunately Ed Stelmach, the man I supported in the leadership race, has proven that he's no better than Klein. To silence his critics concerning the EUB spy fiasco, his government is on the verge of passing Bill 46 which will take away farmers and ranchers democratic rights, and force them to allow the power companies to put power lines across their land where ever they feel like. In addition they could find their lands covered in methane coal bed gas wells, putting their water supplies in danger, and they won't even be allowed to consult a lawyer. There is nothing democratic about this Bill, yet we continue to hear that rural Albertans are still supporting this government.

My friends and I are all former Conservative supporters and we can't help asking, we aren't dumb enough to support a dictatorship posing as a Conservative government, so why are you? How much more abuse are you willing to take? Frankly we think you've had enough.

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