

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

### Pre-budget consultations 2012

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### Responses

#### 1. Economic Recovery and Growth

*Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?*

Less spending!

#### 2. Job Creation

*As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?*

Continue with the Northern Gateway pipeline, find jobs that will benefit CANADA and not our trading partners.

#### 3. Demographic Change

*What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?*

Encourage youth to be involved, and not "occupy". Go into colleges and universities, even high schools, promoting the many career paths that can be taken.

#### 4. Productivity

*With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?*

Spread the labour force. In the west, its one person for one job. In the east, its one person for seven jobs. People get run down too easily. There needs to be better wages across the country, thats why everyone flocks to the west - to make money that they couldnt see if they stayed in the east.

#### 5. Other Challenges

*With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?*

Small businesses, as many box stores continue to come from the States (Target, for example). The "Ma and Pa" shop era is dying, and there needs to be a way to reboost that -- it keeps money locally.