

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

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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?*

Given that Alberta has great reliance on Oil, Gas, Energy, I would recommend the continued support for the TFW program and perhaps expanding on the Immigration spots for the province of Alberta. Many organizations and industries are feeling the growth due to labour shortages and quality of labour. There should also be opportunity for Alberta to expand to other economic branches to ensure we are not only reliant on our natural resources

#### 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?*

Ensure that we are focused on Canadian made products and services and promote those like the US does. Government support for industries to expand their organizations and to have support dealing with international competition.

#### 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?*

I think the rising cost of caring for children such as day cares, schools, etc deters families from having more than 1 or 2 children. If there is more support provided and encourage more young adults to attend post secondary education.

#### 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?*

#### 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?*

Those facing challenges are new Canadians or those that have not completed their education.