

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?

We need encouragement with grants to get projects going, i.e. in order to produce a feature film, I require a package,(trailer,script, business plan)and with that I can attract investors to my project. Canadians need to become more independent in film in Canada, much like the British are, not relying upon Hollywood to hold our hand and then they(Hollywood) run off to another cheaper production country to produce! We have "ALL" the trained talent here to be "STRONG"..we have been the back lot long enough! We been just taking whatever is left for us! As Canadians we need to stand up and be counted! Federal "HELP" can make us independent. Natural resources are not our only muscle, we have "LIFE SKILLS"!

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?

Mind set, tells you that you can't be an international star, whether it is as an actor,producer,director etc. We are just as capable of "GOING AROUND" the US tragedy!..That is their "MIND SET", not mind nor does it have to be any other Canadians! Commerce is always being done! This is the nature of mankind, we make and trade goods and services, this has gone on since the dawn of time, it will not change! All we really need to see is an "OPEN DOOR" and go and do it! You listen to the news and you go to bed on it! You can die for it, or you can rise up and LEAD! People are always looking to make a buck! The deals are there if you sniff em out! Attitude is "EVERYTHING"

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?

Don't BOX people into a demographics that they don't need. I am an artist, Picasso at 91 did his last painting and said,"I think I've got it!" then fell over and passed on! Who wouldn't want that passion?

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?

SEED MONEY, to help get things movin', don't give away the farm, but start up money is great! SEED MONEY GIVES TRACTION..or movement.

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?

Anyone starting up, starting over or just trying to move forward. Canadians generally work hard. I seen grips, camera persons, back ground performers work like young teenagers to get films made. Working 12hours a day, making minimum wages, and still carrying a smile. Where does that commitment come from?..People who have passions!