

## 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?*

Increased social spending to boost economy! More money for job creation, more money to support those on financial assistance, more money for education, for public services and so on.

#### 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?*

I am interested in seeing more innovation, diversification and funding of sustainable projects such as alternative energy. Increased support of smaller, Canadian based businesses rather than compromising on labour laws to attract and keep big business here.

#### 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?*

Increased social spending to create more jobs in the field of services for the elderly. Subsidize education in fields where we are experiencing skills shortages.

#### 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?*

Increase in subsidies for higher learning to open up opportunities to more people.

#### 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?*

First Nations populations are facing the most challenges. The ignorance and sheer racism these populations face from our federal government is sickening. Now they are labelled terrorists as they attempt to protect from those who destroy. Harper apologized for the residential school system and them removed funding for recovery. First Nations have lower life expectancy, higher incarceration rates. Respect their traditional forms of governments, honor their land and the treaties signed. FUND whatever healing is needed to mend what YOU are responsible for.

