

## 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?*

I think you need to encourage entrepreneurship and more small businesses in Canada. Stop subsidizing giant corporations who import contract workers from other countries, stop subsidizing banks, pharmaceuticals, corporate farming, oil and other fossil fuel industries, and other foreign owned corporations. Reward companies that are socially and environmentally responsible. and provide more tax breaks for small businesses and sole proprietorship. Invest in renewable energies, eco-tourism, the coast guard, national parks, urban agriculture, small family farms, recycling depots. Just think what if Canada took all the compost and recycling for the northern United States and charged them for it. Less garbage, more jobs for Canadians, plus great fertilizer for our farms, and new raw materials to export.

##### 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?*

Promote local economies! encourage people to shop locally and not at Walmart, in fact you should make it easier for a local Canadian to start a business than for Walmart to open a new store in Canada. Stop subsidizing foreign owned businesses, and businesses that damage the health of Canadians and our environment. Start to subsidize activities that encourage people to spend, like public transportation, education, the arts. Protect the wild natural resources we have so that we can harvest them sustainably i.e. wild salmon, forests, minerals, and water!

##### 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?*

Companies should train local people to work in the jobs they have and stop hiring foreign workers. put more money in to health care that will support the elderly

##### 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?*

make it easier for small businesses to function, less taxes for small business, and more taxes for large corporations. make it easier to trade and move products between provinces

## **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?*

new immigrants face a lot of challenges because their skills are not recognized in Canada. Make sure all new immigrants speak either french or english. people with mental health issues need more support! Decriminalize drugs, and treat people for addiction issues instead, this is a health concern not a criminal one.