

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?

stop making corporate tax cuts and start taxing the people who are obscenely wealthy so that we can improve our social programming. Child Poverty in Canada is at an obscene and unprecedented level. It is unacceptable.

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?

Stop selling out our oil reserves to other countries for the development and refinement abroad. Do it at home. Enhancing international trade does not necessarily create more jobs, it allows for outsourcing to other countries. With TPP if you give up Supply Management you will kill the dairy and poultry industry in Canada. You need to give incentives to move north and develop the trade industries. You can never have to many tradesmen - tax credits for taking on apprentices..

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?

You need to give incentives for youth to get involved in trades. Cutting the OAS was not the right path. With out aging population we need to concentrade more on building hospitals and retirement homes, both the building of and the staffing of these medical centres will provide for young jobs and the safety and security of our seniors. We need to encourage Canadians to fight against elder abuse and respect our elders and help them.

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?

We need to capitalize on our natural resources. We need to ensure that we are using clean energy and environmentally friendly methods to extract our oil. We need to secure our supply of fresh water and we need to protect our fisheries.

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?

Our seniors are being punished for being old -- stop taking away the little amount of money that is provided to them. They are living in poverty. We need to work WITH our aboriginal communities to help them get to an acceptable standard of living. LISTEN to them, stop talking AT them. The Conservative government is not respecting the VOICE of Canadians, they need to stop being so egotistical and power hungry and realize that Canadian oil is not the only future for Canada. Start funding youth organizations so that we can reform delinquents while they're young rather than spending money on incarcerating them as adults. Social programming and health care need more funding so that Canadians have access to the basic social needs. Stop punishing refugees and allow them access to healthcare - these are vulnerable people who need our help. Tell Harper to stop being so selfish and greedy.