

## 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?*

Interest rates need to be maintained and gasoline oil prices need to be reduced according to oil pricing. I do not understand that the entire city of Windsor / Tecumseh can raise their prices on a given hour to the exact same price / liter and no one can associate this with "price fixing". Also we need a "hot line" to report abuse of disability insurance. I know of persons (4) who are drawing disability pensions and 1 is building a house, another is fabricating / welding, a third laid cement for 3 days and then is currently vacationing in Italy for 3 months. A fourth is collecting mothers allowance benefits, living with her boy friend who is on unemployment and has been offered a job by a contractor, has been given thousands in retraining and is bragging of no intention of ever working. I can go on and on.. We need to curb ALL expenditures.

#### 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?*

Monitor more closely individuals on welfare and mandate public service job time as a requirement to collecting welfare. Alcohol and drug testing should be a requirement of collecting any benefits. Immigration needs close control with guaranteed sponsorship for 2 years minimum with no pension / benefit availability for 10 years of contribution. (see the U.S). Also has anyone reviewed the net effect of spending vs tax collection and increased costs of freezing wages. Why penalize the individuals who are working.

#### 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?*

Protect the pensioners benefits and subsidize industry if hiring a pensioner with skill sets. We also need support continued education in skilled trades

#### 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?*

Revise our welfare / disability system. If you are going to subsidize skilled trade sets, then do it by providing an incentive to the individual AFTER 1 year of pay stubs are produced

## **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?*

How can reduced wages benefit the revenue stream for the government. We cannot compete with China on labour dollars / hour. However we can compete on technology, but not if we subsidize foreign student to be educated in our universities and then they return to their home country and use the technical skills against the North American workforce. Seems we only have a less than 4 year plan to work with. What are the 10 / 20 and 30 year plans for Canada? We talk of mega hospitals, but how will these occupancy rates look like in 20 years when the "baby boomers" have died off?. Also we need zero based budgeting to be applied. I do not see scaled down management positions in the same ratio as cut back workers. Industry has done it , why not government?