

## 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?*

Canada went into a slide all at the same time of extremely high fuel prices. This affects more Canadians pocket book than virtually any other cost as it drives up the cost of all goods. This must be controlled by the price of a barrel of oil, and not hold Canadians hostage. These are our resources, not to be controlled by American refineries. Control inflation, encourage unemployed people to take less paying jobs, keep paperwork simple for small business.

#### 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?*

Canadian government needs to take a strong stand to develop the Northern pipeline. Canadians have all paid their share of taxes to support the Indian Act and feel we should now not be held hostage by the same that rely on Federal money to stay Sovereign. The other is the cost to all Canadian tax payers who must comply with federal regulations to comply with Quebec and the French Language yet they do not have to comply with the English language. Canada is made up of many more languages than French and it should no longer be considered mandatory for all Canadians to learn, read and listen too. Millions of tax dollars can be saved annually. My tax dollars included.

#### 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?*

The Canadian school system needs a complete overhaul. Students in many other countries complete three to four years of university by the time our students are completing grade twelve. This will help get young professionals into careers sooner, and prior to worrying about life responsibilities. Also, a free medical/physical completed every two years after age of 55 will help keep aging working people healthier by doctor intervention.

#### 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 the foreign workers allowance, as well reduce some of the requirements. This system has proven to be very effective however only for some industries while others don't qualify. If someone over the age of 67 continues to work and not draw CPP, then they should be tax exempt as well. This would encourage many seniors to stay healthy and work bonus years.

## **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?*

Fuel cost are a direct cost that has increased my cost of doing business and in turn I need to some how recover it through price increase which the tax paer is having to pay. All in all it is the single biggest cost to tax payer with no available options unless you are close to the US border and can cross over for cheaper less expensive fuel.