

## 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?*

Ensuring that Canadians have jobs, including government jobs.

#### 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?*

talk with businesses to find out what would help them most to ensure successful business and to keep jobs

#### 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?*

Invest heavily in preventative health care! We can make our aging population healthier and we can make the rest of our population healthier - thereby saving a lot of money in the long run!!!! For skills shortage, find ways to train Canadians on these skills and reduce the cost of education - why not free programs. Companies know what skills they are struggling to find and have been for some time, it doesn't have to be an after-thought.

#### 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?*

Add more flexibility into programs such as EI and CPP, so as to ease the transfer of knowledge to current workforce. Also, help companies plan for the turnover.

#### 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?*

Low income families are really suffering more and more! We need to help them!!!! Their costs are increasing left right and center, even for basic necessities. And jobs are being lost. People are really struggling. It's not just those below the poverty line (although they are a huge concern), there are many low income families hurting in our country and it is getting worst and worst!!!

