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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?

Maintain tax credits for film and television production. Create more stimulus packages for environmental initiatives and forward looking green businesses. Clamp down on unemployment insurance claims and seasonal workers.

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?

Maintain Film & Television tax credits and co-production incentives. Introduce better incentives for companies making products out of our raw resources domestically - not just export of raw resources.

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?

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?

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?

Performing artists and jobs in the entertainment sector are being liquidated because of online piracy. Companies like Netflix who are allowed in Canada should have to follow the same CRTC rulings as broadcasters in carrying a percentage of Canadian content films and TV shows. Movie Theater chains should also be regulated to screen a percentage of Canadian films. Even if that starts with 10% - it's a beginning to preserving our identity and domestic production.