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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?

I actually think you are doing very well, but there is always room to reduce government spending, especially on bureaucracy.

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?

I have no opinion here

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?

Change the health system. I think you could reduce taxes and have people pay for their own healthcare - or at least try to marry some "free" and user fee system.a

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?

I have no opinion here, but less taxes make us more competitive when competing with business in other countries. Reducing capitol gains and estate taxes will draw more people to the country

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?

I think small business owners face a real challenge when retiring. Our retirement is often tied to selling our small businesses, but we have to give so much over to the government in capitol gains tax. That tax NEEDS to be reduced.