

## 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?*

-Take steps to stimulate the economy at the local level because the trickle down theory does not work but the opposite is true! Not through short term job stimulus because that only effects the short term. If you assist in creating real healthy local economies then everyone wins including the big corporations. - Ensure that we have appropriate regional social programs. -Cutting Federal Government Jobs actually has the opposite effect of economic stimulus, as you folk are the biggest employers in the country! Hire back more people in the appropriate industries! -Yes the environment is the key to our prosperity but not through its exploitation rather it is the care and nurturing of a healthy environment that produces a healthy local economy! By helping to create GREEN jobs with an environmentally sustainable future ie: Germany! As the current economic model only makes the rich richer at a slow rate and allows our money to go to foreign countries ie; Qatar and Saudi Arabia! Which brings me back to my first point.... - Scrap all HST bring back the GST (with more appropriate restrictions ie; not on houses but on other luxury items) at a higher rate and cut income tax severally for all those making less than \$70,000.00! This would give more power to the consumers in the way of choice.

#### 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?*

-Green Jobs in a sustainable way, especially in the high tech sector! -Giving our money away to foreign companies is unhelpful to sustainable local economic trade. -Programs to stimulate more local food production!

#### 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?*

Increase spending on the medical system. Slash University tuition for medical students to \$0.00!

#### 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?*

Initiatives that promote co-operation NOT competition... because at the basic psychological level (that's fact) human beings need to co-operate with each other to get things done!

## **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?*

Get rid of the plastic money it melts! It's a bad idea..... bring back paper or real money like the gold wafers issued by Qatar bank machines would be nice!