

## 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?*

We need to embrace the arts. We need to allow the artistry and vision of the Canadian population to assist in balancing the budget, fully contribute to economic recovery and influence future generations that the arts (Film, TV, digital media and overall visual arts and performance) can be a huge economic factor in a thriving economic atmosphere (new jobs, new technology and production). Open the flood gates and watch. Support CBC.

#### 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?*

Support telefilm also work in conjunction with educational institutions to increase the influence and importance of artistic production (video year books, school web-sites and acting classes (aka know as public speaking/diplomacy).

#### 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?*

If you increase funding of the arts there will be monetary gains on the backend. Similarly on how lottery sales support programs are funding can do the same. In turn the arts can also support an aging community.

#### 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?*

We need increased tax credits (especially in BC). I am not just talking about US production I mean Indian and China. Influence those countries to work in conjunction with our trade unions and we will see a huge growth for all sectors. Tourism, travel, etc

#### 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?*

Grant professional artists a \$15,000 exemption from taxes on revenues earned on copyright and residual payments. This practice is already in place in Quebec; make it country-wide a brother has gotta eat.