

## 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?*

Greater opportunities for small businesses in the form of low-interest loans and less corporate taxes. I'm not an economist, but bigger breaks to businesses allow them to hire more people, which of course leads to more spending in the economy.

#### 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?*

Immigration needs to be addressed- train our own work force, or seek out immigrants that will actually help the build the economy rather than drain it. Expedite the process for foreign investors to enter the country and create their own businesses in Canada.

#### 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 the retirement age.

#### 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?*

I believe that we need to get control of the immigration system. While Canada allows people in for humanitarian reasons, it is fraudulent that hard working Canadians are supporting those that know they can live off government hand outs. It's also unfair to legitimate immigrant families who work hard. Both sets of my grandparents came from Italy with pennies in their pockets, and with no help from the government, were able to successfully support themselves. We need to give a hand up, not hand out. Lowell Green's book "Mayday! Mayday!" will startle anyone with any common sense. We need to stop

being so focused on political correctness and not questioning people's motives.