

## 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?*

The government should work on tax incentives for small 'green businesses'. The 'Green Economy' barely exists in Canada and could be used as an economic driver and job creator. A lower corporate tax could be in place for these green businesses to help them get started. Over time these taxes could be raised to the same standard as everyone else. Currently Canada is behind in encouraging the development of a 'green economy'. Since this sector is so small right now, the government does not really see any taxes from it anyways. If it is nurtured, it will grow! If it grows, so does the tax base. Overall the government should lower both income and corporate taxes, so more money can be in free flowing 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?*

As mentioned in the last answer, the government should encourage the green sector to grow, through tax incentive. The Green sector is also a member of the PRIVATE sector. Restrictions between provincial trade (like alcoholic beverages) should be removed to help businesses grow and spread across this country.

#### 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?*

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#### 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?*

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## **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?*

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