

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

Pre-budget consultations 2012

Vera-De Windows Inc.

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?

Support small and medium sized companies. Stick to Energy Rebates to older homes but i like to see on new constructions too. Better walls, roof, better windows and doors. Give a small business money support for training new employees, help small companies by open a school system for technical trades. Exempl. I am in a window and door business, need employees with technical understanding. For a small company it is by far to expensive alone to finance.

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?

It is very difficult selling into the US. US companies dumping into Canada. Stop this.

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?

By implementing a regulation for wages. No trade school = stays a laborer trade school = Journeyman, is making more money than laborer. Alberta is paying \$ 40.00/hour, no skills. small companies can not even pay half of that Opening trade schools. I am a Master Craftsman and I teach, instruct my employees by my self. After all, I cannot pay what the oil industry can pay. My employees do not have a apprenticeship. Supporting small companies.

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 like to ask you to think about one moment my question. If you do not have Qualified Skilled Workers, just laborers. Who do you want to compete with? we cannot search in other countries for qualified skilled workers, to change a light bulb, or building windows and doors etc, 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?

I am sorry I can not say this with less than 350 words. I hope my MB of Vancouver Island North can find the time to visit me and talk with me about it.