

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

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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?

No Tax Breaks for Corporations Address Poverty Issues Less Foreign Aid Addressing Economic Crisis on Canada's Backyard- Indigenous Peoples Rights Stricter Environmental Laws against Polluters & Corporations Lower Ministerial Staff for Ministers Individual Minister's Financial Records spending

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?

Canada needs to evaluate the situation regarding US uncertainty and stop relying solely on trade with the US, Canada has to manufacture a lot of materials like in the past, this would create more jobs and lower the unemployment rate. Agreements need to be scrutinized to fit what Canada needs, not what Canada has to give!!

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?

Lowering taxes to assist the individuals who are putting time and effort to shape Canada, and this country has beautiful people that make this place attractive to visitors. Enhance a Beautification Program to Enhance our Homeland More services required to assist the Elderly, Middle Aged and our Youth. Share the Wealth.

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?

Increase the minimum wage. More education and skills training for the disadvantaged- homeless, Indigenous/First Nation peoples. LOWER TAXES

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?

A lot of people are feeling the Financial Crisis, the homeless, youth, indigenous/ first nation peoples, and the elderly face more challenges versus the Middle Class.