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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?

more support for enterpeniers, putting Canadians to work by tapping into those on social assistance and the Aboriginal communities by giving them the skills needed to fill the vacancies in the work force....making sure that families can live on one income so that one adult can stay home and look after the future of our country in a positive way.. Putting Canadians to work with canadian dollars instead of subsidizing immeigrants to take these jobs (I have no problem with them coming to our country and living by our rules/customs but lets put our people to work before bringing others over to take the jobs) also by encouraging businesses to keep their business in Canada instead of taking it overseas to give to workers for a lot less money

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?

like I have already said lets put Canadians to work by tapping into the resources already here and encouraging new businesses and by making it affordable for these businesses to start...small businesses can do wonders for the economy...also by having a tax credit for culture and artists, movies, etc. will bring big dollars to our 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?

teach canadians on social assistance and aboriginals with the skills needed to fill these shortages...let the students in high school know what skills are needed and in some cases have these taught in high schools but we need to make education affordable to all and have apprenticeship programs with the older ones getting ready to retire teaching the new and unskilled people to take these jobs...remembering that their are a lot of good workers out there that just dont have the resources to get the education needed to fill these jobs..

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?

by taking a hard look and taking the steps to talk with the workers in an honest and open way and not by people with degrees that have no idea of what it is to work and live on minimum wages but by having honest discussions and listening to what is being said by the workers and taking action on their recommendations.. I know that as an office manager in a nonprofit aboriginal organization a few years

ago I put about 50 aboriginal people through 1A classes where they earned their oil safety tickets, their licenses and 10 of them as well as another 20 went through and got their heavy equipment course so that these 10 not only could drive the trucks with the equipment on them but also unload, use the equipment, load that equipment back on the truck and move on to the next job instead of a sitting waiting for the equipment operator to come and do the job and then move on to the next job this means the job gets done in a timely manner. these people were very appreciative of getting the training and letting them obtain a job where they in some cases got off social assistance and are now tax paying citizens.. SO TAP INTO THESE RESOURCES OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS AND ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

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?

infrastructure needs to be addressed in all of the communities as well as transportation needs and EDUCATION (not only by the workers, bosses but by the government as well) Affordable life needs as well and we must start to look after the environment and start using what is given to us free by our creator AIR, SUN AND WATER...solar and wind power are the way to go so we can be environmentally responsible stewards of the earth. Also recycling must be law in all communities to reduce the land fill explosions...