

## 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?*

We need to ensure that major military purchases have built in penalty clauses. Make the purchase and deliver the goods. Stop cancelling purchases. Make a decision on trucks, helicopters etc.. and have them delivered on time. If a supplier is late then have a clear cost break down on the what it will cost them.

#### 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?*

The Conservative government should be investing more in the infrastructure of our country. Roads, bridges, schools, power grids, long term care nursing homes and hospitals.

#### 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?*

This government seems to enjoy putting tax credits in place. So my solution is a simple one. Give employers who hire full time employees over the age of 60 a tax credit of \$10000. People who choose to work past the age of 60 should also be given a tax credit of \$10000.

#### 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?*

Family Caregiver Tax Credit: We need to increase this tax credit to \$10000 by year 2013. More and more Canadian families are taking care of love ones for one reason or another. For one time lets just recognize that \$2000 tax credit is basically nothing to the average family trying to get by. Infrastructure for taking care of aging family members and children & young adults who qualify is just too limited. This is something that every taxpayer in Canada will support.

