

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?

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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?

Please, give me a break! Canadian companies have to join the program and realise that it is in innovation that they will become leaders instead of simple competitors. Again, I want to insist in articulating my support for the environment, including funding solutions to climate change and finding alternatives to fossil fuels. We have to be proactive in seeking new ways of doing things in this country. The economy will thrive should we innovate in these areas, making us leaders in the world instead of followers of the old ways of thinking and of doing things that DO NOT WORK. This is where job creation will bloom. It is not by trading our resources for free that we will grow!

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?

We are all human beings. This being said, Canadians do not recognize their country or know who they are in the world anymore. Too much unthought immigration!..... Skills shortages? Are you kidding? I tried to find a way to go back to school and get access to training but I was denied!!!! I am not an immigrant. There is no program for me, a Canadian middle aged woman who's trying to get back on the job market after having children and taking care of her aging parents. I am not the only one in this situation and it is infuriating. Again, innovation is the way! Open the doors to education to all, not only to immigrants. In a society where energies are oriented towards people i.o. corporations, there is no lack of available and happy workers!!!

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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fossil fuels. We have to be proactive in seeking new ways of doing things in this country. The economy will thrive should we innovate in these areas, making us leaders in the world instead of followers of the old ways of thinking and of doing things that DO NOT WORK. This is where job creation will bloom. It is not by trading our resources for free that we will grow! Human beings come before corporation. Happy humans make for happy business!

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?

Our own survival is at stake! The life of every inhabitant of this country is on the line. Federal actions are needed and imperative to protect the environment, including funding solutions to climate change and finding alternatives to fossil fuels. We have to be proactive in seeking new ways of doing things in this country. The economy will thrive should we innovate in these areas, making us leaders in the world instead of followers of the old ways of thinking and of doing things that DO NOT WORK. This is where job creation will bloom. I want to bring to your attention the attitude of Germany who's taking big steps and succeeding in these fields. Please, make us proud again of being Canadians!