

## 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?*

Devalue the over inflated dollar. Support a made in Canada policy, which would create real jobs, and increase the tax base.

#### 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?*

Any products used or purchased by the Federal Gov't should be Canadian made. Food, beverage, Vehicles, pens or papper. No matter how big or small. Get rid of NAFTA, stop the Free Trade Deals, support Canadian jobs, and Canadian workers. Re-negotiate an Auto Agreement stating for every vehicle sold in Canada, one needs to be built here. Between the auto and spin offs that would be 100,000's of good paying jobs.

#### 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?*

Support/create an appretiship program. Use the monies paid into E.I. for retraining, and not in the general fund.

#### 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?*

Young people need good paying jobs, full time jobs. When the government starts supporting Canadian made products, and not free trade this would correct itself.

#### 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?*

Women are facing the biggest challenge. They have the lowest paying jobs, part time, and have the responsibility of the families. Education programs, child care, home & heath care for seniors, would help. This would take the burden off of Women who are marginalized to begin with.