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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?

The federal measures that I feel are needed to sustain economic recovery and enhance economic growth would be education in the environment, funding solutions to climate change and alternatives to fossil fuels. Canada needs to be a leader in the global climate change and green energy.

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?

Specific federal actions that I believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada would be more money put towards educating the public on what the government is using tax payers dollars on. Also money should be given to promoting better education in Canada and towards educating the public on green energy and alternatives to fossil fuels. The government should put an emphasis on buying local and Canadian goods and services.

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?

If there are so many people out of work the government should be implementing the training and education of skills. This should not even be a question. All countries have aging populations. If anything the government should use the aging population to it's advantage with training the younger population in skill shortages.

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?

I don't see how this is a problem. There are hundreds of unemployed Canadians. The specific federal initiatives that need to be taken are educating and training the public. Whether that be through secondary schooling, colleges, universities, trade schools, etc. and a strong focus on educating the public on Canada's environment.

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?

The environment is facing the the most challenges. The Canadian environment has been totally neglected in the last federal budget. If we do not protect the environment there will be nothing left and all individuals, businesses and communities will face challenges. If federal actions that need to be taken are protection of our oceans, endanger species and environment.