

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?

reduction on military spending

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?

encourage small business growth.

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?

-openly accept and invite foreign workers AND recognize their skills sets. we have taxi drivers with engineering degrees and doctors who are forced to find work outside of their chosen fields. -continuing to invest so the CPP remains strong and stable. -recognizing AND taking ACTIONS towards PREVENTATIVE medicine and illness prevention. Smoking, drinking, nutritional inadequacies and chemicals in our current food sources, taking a serious look at food additives and the harm they do to our bodies. Give tax incentives for self-care measures that would help people who can't afford the services become healthier.(naturopaths, acupuncture, nutritionists, reflexology, yoga, massage therapy). If people are healthier and more balanced - they need less medical care.

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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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?

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