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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 should be investing in small scale, local economies and small business owners as well as creating incentives for entrepreneurs.

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?

Tax breaks and incentives for small business owners to hire new employees, especially young people who need on the job experience.

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?

Free or subsidized schooling for those who choose to train in areas of 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 this as a problem.

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?

I believe that we should be doing more to tackle issues of poverty and mental health. Social services should be more geared towards getting people the help they need, holistically, in order to be healthy and strong. We should be making sure that everyone is fed and housed. We should be addressing the waste of financial resources in creating prisons without trying to address the causes of crime. We should especially be supporting disadvantaged children to get proper nutrition care and learning resources.