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Dear Friends,

Have your say: Share your priorities for Budget 2014

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance recently launched its **annual pre-budget consultation process**, which will result in a report being tabled in the House of Commons in December 2013.

This year's consultation process will build on what our Committee has learned in previous years of study. All Canadians are invited to participate in the online consultation, an innovation our Committee first launched in 2012. Subsequently, pre-budget hearings, focused on six specific themes identified by the Finance Committee, will be held in the fall.

Canadians can contribute their ideas online until August 5, 2013 at www.parl.gc.ca/FINA/PBC2013. Those who are unable to access the internet should contact the Clerk of the House Finance Committee for assistance in determining another means of giving input.

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Completed templates will be uploaded to the Committee's website following translation. Submissions will also be circulated to all members of the House Finance Committee.

Beginning in the fall, the Committee will hold a series of hearings on the following topics:

- Focusing on fiscal sustainability and economic growth
- Helping vulnerable Canadians, including Aboriginal Canadians, youth, persons with a disability, and newcomers
- Supporting research and innovation (e.g., through tax incentives)
- Ensuring prosperous and secure rural and urban communities
- Improving government efficiency (e.g., through reducing red tape)
- Maximizing employment opportunities for Canadians

I also encourage you to send your priorities to my office in the envelope provided for our own records. I look forward to your suggestions for the federal budget in 2014.

Warm regards,

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