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Thank you for the information recently about the status of the Finance Committee's pre-budget consultations in light of the upcoming prorogation of Parliament.

We would appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Finance Committee this autumn. We have reviewed the six themes (below) that the Finance committee has chosen. We fit most directly under **Topic 2: Helping vulnerable Canadians including Canadians with a disability**. We will certainly be arguing that our recommendations will contribute to efficiency, employment and prosperity in Canada.

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Pre-budget consultations 2013 topics:

1. Focusing on fiscal sustainability and economic growth
2. Helping vulnerable Canadians, including Aboriginal Canadians, youth, persons with a disability and newcomers
3. Supporting research and innovation, including through tax incentives
4. Ensuring prosperous and secure rural and urban communities
5. Improving government efficiency, including through reducing red tape
6. Maximizing employment opportunities for Canadians