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Parliament Hill report



Garth Turner MP Halton-Peel

I told you a few days ago about the economic proposals I had given to the finance minister - involving a tax cut, lower government spending and ways to get money into the hands of small business operators.

This was based on many of the good ideas that I've heard at our Town Hall meetings and other events here in Halton-Peel. Now, as we move towards a major federal budget sometime early in the new year, it's time to turn up the heat.

There are many people telling the finance minister that Canadians want more government money put into public works projects to create temporary jobs.

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questions.

They say that an increase in the deficit doesn't matter and there may even be room for more taxes.

I disagree, and I believe most of the people who live on my street feel the same way. We're taxed out, and people realize well that increasing the deficit today means higher taxes tomorrow.

I really believe that middle-class Canadians want less government interference in the economy, not

After all, the Rae government in Ontario has been trying that spendmore approach for the last two years, and last week the provincial treasurer admitted it hadn't worked. Now, buried in new debt, they have to hack back on spending - as the feds have been doing for the past eight years.

What direction do you want Ottawa to move in? Do you agree or disagree with what I'm telling the finance minister? What is your input for the next budget - likely the last one before a federal elec-

In the next few days, you'll be receiving the Halton-Peel Constituency Survey in your mail. There are 15 questions you can quickly answer, and a space for y our comments. When completed, simply put a small piece of tape on and mail it back to me.

Here's what will happen to the completed surveys: I will open and read them all, then compile the results.

Based on that, I will write a report back to you (as long as your address has been put on the survey), so you can see if your friends and neighbors agree with your positions (or mine, for that matter).

A copy of that report will also go to the finance minister, the prime minister, and members of Parliament - so they know what the people of Halton-Peel think the national government should do. And I will also report back to you through this newspaper column.

By the way, the last Constituency Survey - a year ago - resulted in close to 4,000 responses, or about 10% of the households that I repre-

By direct-mail standards, that was very high. But I could do my job better, of course, if closer to 90% responded. How about it?

Many of the questions are based on my report a few days ago to the finance minister, which outlines the ideas for changes, and the reasons for them. I've made specific suggestions for spending cuts and changes to taxes like the GST.

If you would like a copy of that 16-page report for background reading, it's yours for the asking. Call my office (873-4673 or 1-800-668-4322), or pick one up from the following locations:

-Tyandaga Library, 1500 Upper Middle Road

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