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House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance – Pre-budget Consultations 2013

This brief is submitted by:

(•) **an organization** **Organization name:** Earth Rangers Foundation

or

( ) **an individual** **Name:** _____

Topic: Charities, charitable giving and volunteerism

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

In the 2013 budget, the Government of Canada confirmed its commitment to the development of a National Conservation Plan. As the only national organization focused on engaging families in conservation, Earth Rangers is uniquely positioned to cost effectively engage children, urbanites and new Canadians in nature stewardship and education. Earth Rangers is requesting funding to leverage our strong presence in the Greater Toronto Area and growing programs in Vancouver, Calgary Montreal and Moncton to promote and engage Canadians in the goals of the National Conservation Plan.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$1 million-4.9 million

3 years

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

The Government of Canada has already made significant commitments to conservation efforts; this modest and heavily leveraged contribution could be drawn from these existing funds.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

* Children, urban families and new Canadians
* Programing across Canada with a focus on Toronto and golden horseshoe, Vancouver, Montreal
* Extensive existing collaborations with industry will extend the benefits to groups within the financial, natural resource and other sectors
* Programming available in both official languages

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

The National Conservation Plan (NCP) proposal recognizes the social benefits of "connecting Canadians to nature" by effectively engaging "a broad range of Canadians working together in nature stewardship and education". This is particularly important amongst urban populations, new Canadians and children and their families, which is why Earth Rangers is proposing to work with the Federal Government to engage these groups in programs that will celebrate our history of conservation and bring them closer to Canada's natural heritage.

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Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided