Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) released the following statement after voting against Speaker Pelosi's health care reform bill (H.R. 3962):

"Tonight I cast my vote with the majority of Americans who do not support a government takeover of health care. Over the past several months I met with my neighbors and constituents, hosted health care town hall meetings and my office received thousands of calls, emails and letters, the bulk of which overwhelmingly opposed this bill.

"The Pelosi plan is a federal government take-over of health care that includes unacceptable cuts to Medicare and a trillion dollar price tag that our country simply can't afford. This more than 2,000 page bill includes job-killing tax increases on small businesses, a public option that I do not support and heavy-handed employer and individual mandates. At a time when Congress should be focusing on our nation's staggering unemployment numbers and getting Americans back to work, we simply cannot afford a massive government takeover of health care."