95,000 Americans Lose Their Jobs as Democrats Refuse to Change Course

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement after the Department of Labor reported that the economy lost 95,000 jobs in September while unemployment remained at 9.6 percent:

"Nearly ten percent of Americans are out of work, and more and more are losing their jobs every day. The big government agenda of bailouts, takeovers and out-of-control spending has not worked. Washington needs to change course.

"The federal government doesn't create jobs, small businesses do. We need to pass permanent tax relief and give small businesses the favorable, stable environment they need to grow and create lasting jobs.

If Congress does not act, the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts will expire at the end of this year, resulting in a $3.9 trillion tax hike on American taxpayers. The tax increases would hit the 75 percent of small businesses that file as individuals and are responsible for two-thirds of private sector job creation. Unfortunately, Democrats voted last week to adjourn until November without addressing the impending tax hikes.

"Small businesses can't grow or hire new workers with the threat of a nearly $4 trillion tax increase. Extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts is critical to getting our economy on track and putting Americans back to work."

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