

*Administration Should Stop Touting Failed Stimulus, Start Focusing on Private Sector Job Creation*

Washington, D.C. – While the Obama Administration launched its “Recovery Summer” propaganda campaign (paid for at taxpayer expense) this month, private sector job growth remained stagnant and the U.S. economy shed 125,000 jobs, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) called on the Administration and Congress to stop using taxpayer dollars to tout the failed “stimulus” program and start working across the aisle to promote real job growth.

“The Obama Administration and Congressional Democrats are spending taxpayer dollars to pull the wool over the American people’s eyes, but no one is buying it because they know real, private sector jobs are being lost,” Rooney said. “When 125,000 Americans are losing their jobs, you can’t convince them that’s the start of a ‘Recovery Summer.’”

“As Floridians know all too well, the government-focused policies of Obama and Pelosi have not turned our economy around. Losing 125,000 jobs last month provides yet another sobering reminder that Washington needs to stop focusing on growing the government and start focusing on providing relief for the private sector.

“Florida’s small business owners have had enough of this Congress knocking them over the head with new mandates and tax hikes. We need to pass permanent tax relief and give them the favorable, stable environment they need to grow and create lasting jobs.”

Rooney’s Economic Freedom Act, [H.R. 5029](#) , would:

- Permanently eliminate the capital gains tax.
- Permanently provide immediate small business expensing.
- Permanently eliminate the death tax.
- Cut the payroll tax in half for 2010 for employers and employees.
- Reduce the corporate income tax rate to 12.5 percent (the same rate as Ireland’s).
- Repeal spending in the “stimulus” bill, except for unemployment benefits and tax cuts.
- Terminate the TARP program.

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