

### Urges Floridians to Make Their Voices Heard

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today joined House Republicans to launch [America Speaks Out](#), a new initiative to engage the American people and give them a voice in crafting a new governing agenda for the 111th Congress. At [AmericaSpeakingOut.com](#), all Americans can submit ideas on a wide range of critical issues for debate and discussion on the merits in an open and transparent forum.

“Across the country and certainly throughout Florida Americans have been speaking out, but Washington has not been listening,” Rooney said. “From the new health care law, which a new survey shows more than half of all Americans want to see repealed, to a national energy tax, Americans have repeatedly said no to what this Congress has had to offer. They are tired of the new taxes, new spending and record-breaking deficits.

“America Speaking Out will give all Americans a platform to submit their ideas for what they would like to see from Washington, and it will give them an open forum to debate those ideas on their merits. House Republicans plan to offer a new set of policy solutions grounded in the principles of smaller, more accountable government, and we want to engage the American people in building those solutions from the start.

“I hope that all Floridians, regardless of party affiliation, will join this new dialogue of ideas and make their voices heard. Changing course in Washington will require Americans to speak out and Congress to start listening. Please visit [AmericaSpeakingOut.com](#) and tell us how our shared principles can solve America’s challenges.”

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