Congress Must Stop Tax Increases

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement after the Department of Labor reported that the unemployment rate remained at 9.6 percent for the month of October:

"I hope that my Democratic colleagues will listen to the American people, who spoke loud and clear on Tuesday, and abandon their failed policies of higher taxes, bigger government and out-of-control spending. This unemployment report is yet another signal that it's time for a change.

"The failures of the last two years have proven that 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.

"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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