Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement on new, intrusive Transportation Security Administration procedures, including pat-downs and full-body scans:

"Passengers are angry, and they should be. Full-body pat-downs and explicit photo screenings have gone too far, and the security benefits of implementing these procedures on random passengers are dubious at best.

"TSA full-body screenings and pat-downs are an invasive, unnecessary infringement on passengers' rights. Congress must exercise its oversight authority to investigate why TSA has mandated these new procedures and whether or not they actually provide stronger security for airline passengers.

"Unfortunately, TSA has become a bloated, federal bureaucracy with more than 70,000 employees. In a classic example of 'mission creep,' the agency has vastly overstepped its original charter and is no longer effectively administering its duties and responsibilities. Congress should act immediately to reform TSA."

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