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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following statement after House Democrats scheduled a vote on H.R. 4853, a bill that would lead to higher taxes on small businesses and farmers beginning January 1:

“Let’s be clear: this is a vote to raise taxes on small businesses. Despite near double digit unemployment nationwide and higher rates in Florida, Democrats are looking to kill even more jobs with this massive tax hike.

“Americans are tired of a Democratic Congress and Administration that hold small business owners and job creators in contempt. The federal government doesn’t create jobs, businesses do, but they can’t grow under the threat of a tax hike.

“We need to stop all tax hikes and give our small businesses the stability they need to expand and create jobs. If the lame-duck Congress won’t stand with small business owners and job-seekers during the lame duck session, the new majority will act in January.”

Rooney has proposed more than [\\$4 trillion in spending cuts](#) to pay for extending all of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and begin paying down the deficit.

Effects of Obama/Pelosi Plan on 16th District Families and Small Businesses

Under the Obama/Pelosi plan, [Florida’s 16th district would lose approximately 1,593 jobs per year](#), on average, over the next ten years. Sixteenth district households would lose an estimated \$6,952 in total disposable personal income, and small businesses and families district-wide would pay an additional \$1.6 billion in federal taxes.

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