

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today urged members of the House and Senate to oppose the \$1.2 trillion omnibus spending bill introduced by Senate Democrats this week, arguing that the bill ignores the American people’s directives to cut spending and instead would drive the country deeper into debt.

“This 1,924-page, \$1.2 trillion monstrosity is a slap in the face of the American people, who came out in droves on November 2 and told Congress to cut spending and balance the budget,” Rooney said. “Our country is in a deep financial hole, but the Democratic majority is inexplicably determined to keep digging until its final breath.”

“The era of out-of-control spending and fiscal recklessness is over. We need to get our fiscal house in order, and the first step is to reject this irresponsible bill and get to work on legislation that will return spending to 2008 levels.

“I was very disappointed that Senator Nelson (D-FL), after voting for the earmark ban a few weeks ago, reversed his position and requested millions of dollars in earmarks in this massive bill. If we’re going to get spending under control, we can’t just talk the talk – we have to walk the walk. The American people are sick and tired of reckless spending, backroom deals and business as usual in Washington, but apparently some in the old guard haven’t gotten the message.

“I hope that President Obama will stand strong in his stated opposition to pork barrel spending and earmarks, and will veto this bill if it passes.”

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