Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) last night voted in favor of an agreement to prevent the largest tax increase in American history, but added that Congress must act quickly in January to begin cutting the deficit and to make tax relief permanent.

“This plan is 85 percent tax cuts and 15 percent spending. The new spending will be dealt with in short order by making cuts to other areas,” Rooney said. “By keeping taxes low, people control their own money, rather than surrendering it to the government.

“While this bill should prevent further job losses, we must now get to work on permanent tax relief that will give small businesses the stability and certainty they need to grow and create new jobs. Without a permanent tax code, families and small businesses are left in limbo, unable to budget and make financial plans. We have seen over the last two years that the threat of a tax increase is an obstacle to job creation and economic growth.”

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