

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) was selected today to serve as a Republican Deputy Whip for the 112th Congress by Majority Whip-elect Kevin McCarthy (CA-22). Rooney was the only second-term member to be tapped as a Deputy Whip.

“I am honored to be part of the team that will help ensure vital legislation gets approved in the House of Representatives,” Rooney said. “With the economy struggling, millions of Americans out of work and deficits at an all-time high, we have a difficult road ahead of us, but I believe we are up to the challenge.

“I look forward to being a stronger voice for Florida and the 16th district, and I will bring Florida’s ideas and concerns to the table as a member of the Republican leadership team,” Rooney added.

“In his first two years in the House, Congressman Rooney displayed the hard work and leadership that will make him a valuable asset as a Deputy Whip,” said Majority Whip-elect Kevin McCarthy. “I am pleased he has accepted this important role and look forward to working with him.”

In addition to being the only second-term Republican member selected to serve as a Deputy Whip, Rooney will chair the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry in the 112th Congress. Rooney is also the only member of his class appointed to the House Intelligence Committee.

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