Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following statement after visiting Pakistan with a Congressional delegation led by House Speaker John Boehner to meet with key military and civilian leaders:

“Pakistan is extremely volatile. With their historical issues with India coupled with the new fights on their western front with the Taliban and al Qaeda, the Pakistani military is stretched. As an ally, Pakistan is as important in the fight against terror as any country in the world. Maintaining a strong relationship is vital to both of our national interests.”

The delegation met with Prime Minister Yousaf Gillani, General Ashfaq Kayani, and U.S Ambassador Cameron Munter. The delegation also visited the 11th Corps headquarters in Peshawar to discuss the Pakistani military's security challenges as it engages in the fight against extemism and terrorism.

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