Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement after the Department of Defense announced that it has terminated the contract for the extra engine for the F35 Joint Strike Fighter:

“The Pentagon’s termination of the extra engine contract should finally put an end to this unnecessary, wasteful project. The Pentagon has said repeatedly that they do not want or need the extra engine, and Congress voted overwhelmingly to stop funding it. The extra engine is a luxury we simply cannot afford.”

The House voted in favor of Rooney’s bipartisan amendment to strike funding for the extra engine by a convincing 233-198 margin, and the amendment was included in the final Continuing Resolution. Rooney’s bipartisan amendment saves taxpayers $450 million over the next seven months, and approximately $3 billion in the years to come.

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