Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today came out in strong opposition to language in the National Defense Authorization Act, crafted by the Armed Services Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, designed to restart the wasteful extra engine program for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter:

“I am deeply disappointed to see that the Defense Authorization bill, which should be focused on funding our troops, is being used in a backdoor effort to restart the wasteful extra engine program. The House of Representatives has sent a loud and clear message that we’re not going to continue to earmark funds for this wasteful project.

“I am confident that when this bill comes before the full House, we will again show the American people that we take their demand for spending cuts seriously, and we will not continue to throw away their hard-earned tax dollars on a program that the Pentagon has said repeatedly it does not want or need.”

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