Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following statement on the jobs report released today by the Department of Labor:

“This morning’s report of 244,000 new jobs in April is encouraging news, but the rise in the unemployment rate to nine percent shows how far we still have to go. Historically, we have seen much stronger economic and job growth at this stage after a recession. The relatively stagnant economy and high unemployment is a product of the uncertainty that our small businesses face under the threat of higher taxes, overly burdensome regulations, and out-of-control debt from Washington.

“The fact is, Washington doesn’t create jobs, small businesses do. We need to foster an environment that will allow businesses to grow and create good jobs by simplifying the tax code, getting spending under control, and eliminating job-crushing mandates – in short, getting Washington out of the way and letting small businesses lead the way to recovery.”

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