

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today introduced the “Restore America Act,” new legislation to help the private sector grow and create jobs.

“Nearly three years after the first stimulus bill passed, unemployment remains above ten percent in Florida and above nine percent nationwide,” Rooney said. “We need a new approach, one that recognizes that businesses and entrepreneurs – not federal government officials and bureaucrats – are the real job creators who can lead us into economic recovery and help put Americans back to work.

“My bill reflects the concerns I’ve heard from local businesses, who want to grow and hire new workers but are being weighed down by a broken tax code, unnecessary mandates, high energy costs, and uncertainty about what’s coming next. We need to tear down these roadblocks, get Washington out of the way, and lay the groundwork for real, private-sector job creation.

“This plan helps put Americans back to work in four key steps: reform the tax code, get rid of unnecessary regulations, expand domestic energy production, and streamline federal job training programs.

“We need to **reform the tax code to make it fair, simple and competitive**. My plan gets rid of corporate loopholes and deductions, and replaces them with across-the-board, permanent tax relief. A fairer tax code will help business grow and compete on a level playing field, and permanent tax relief will give them the certainty they need to invest in their companies and create new jobs.

“By **ending unnecessary, costly regulations that are destroying jobs**, we can remove a critical obstacle facing small business owners. The Small Business Administration reports that businesses spend \$1.75 trillion dollars and nearly 9 billion hours each year trying to comply with federal regulations – resources that they should be using to grow and hire new workers. My plan stops the Administration from piling new, job-destroying mandates on our job creators by requiring Congressional approval of any new regulation with a significant economic impact.

“**Expanding American energy production** would create jobs right away while reducing prices for families and businesses. We have tremendous energy resources in our country, and if we utilize them, we’ll see new jobs immediately in the energy sector. Producing American energy would drive down energy costs, helping both families and small businesses make ends meet.

“Streamlining and coordinating federal job training programs, which right now are duplicative and inefficient, will help ensure that when jobs are available, job-seekers have the skills and training they need. My plan directs Congress to streamline the 47 different federal job training programs we have now, and give more power and flexibility to state and local job training programs, so they better reflect the unique needs of our communities.”

A detailed summary of the Rooney jobs plan is available [here](#) , and text of the bill is available [here](#)

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