Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today released a list of 132 economists who believe the core ideas the Rooney jobs bill – reforming the tax code and ending unnecessary regulations – will do more to boost private-sector job creation in the near- and long-term than the stimulus spending approach pushed by President Obama.

"The lesson of Stimulus I is that helping small businesses and the private sector grow – not growing the size of the federal government – is the solution to job creation," Rooney said. "Many economists agree that by reforming the tax code and ending unnecessary regulations, we can do more to help put Americans back to work than we could with another flawed stimulus approach.

"This list confirms that solutions like my plan , and the 22 House-passed jobs bills awaiting Senate action, are the key to job creation in both the near-term and short-term."

Rooney's bill, the "Restore America Act," would help the private sector grow and create jobs in four steps: reform the tax code, get rid of unnecessary regulations, expand domestic energy production, and streamline federal job training programs.

Last month, Speaker Boehner and House Republicans asked a group of economists across the nation which approach they believe is more likely to boost private-sector job growth in America in both the near- and long-term: a plan focused on billions of dollars in additional stimulus spending by government, or one that stops excessive government regulations and fixes the tax code to help private-sector job creators? A total of 132 economists indicated they favor the latter strategy, which is included in Rooney's bill.

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