

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16), a member of the House Armed Services Committee and a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), issued the following statement on the NDAA Conference Report that the House will consider today:

“The defense authorization bill provides our troops deployed around the world with the resources they need, ensures our military families get the support they deserve, and protects the United States from emerging global threats. This bill includes troop pay and war-time authorities that are set to expire if we don’t act, so we need to pass this bill and the President needs to sign it without delay, so we can make sure our troops get paid.

“This legislation strengthens policies to detain and prosecute terrorists, and it continues that policy that no terrorist detainee can be brought into the United States. As a former military prosecutor, I am certain that trying detainees in military tribunals at Guantanamo Bay is the best way to hold terrorists accountable, keep them out of our country, and prevent them from rejoining the fight. The agreement we’ve reached should also allay any concerns that these detainee provisions extend new authorities to detain U.S. citizens – they do not.”

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