

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement after the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity reported that unemployment dropped to 10 percent in Florida, the lowest level in 31 months, while the state created 8,500 new jobs in November:

“Unemployment is dropping in Florida because our state is focused on creating an environment where the private sector can grow and add new jobs. Florida is selling itself as a good place to do business, rolling back costly regulations, and cutting the size of government. Florida is doing exactly what the federal government should be doing to help put Americans back to work.

“Unfortunately, small businesses and job-seekers in Florida continue to face significant obstacles to growth and job creation from Washington. An avalanche of new regulations, threats of tax hikes, and growing uncertainty from the federal government have held back Florida businesses that are trying to grow and hire new workers. The federal government needs to help small businesses in Florida by tearing down these roadblocks and giving them the stable environment they need to grow, like [my jobs plan](#) would do.”

[Rooney’s jobs bill](#) would help put Americans back to work in four steps: reform the tax code, get rid of unnecessary regulations, expand domestic energy production, and streamline federal job training programs.

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