

Washington, D.C. – The proposals released today by the nonpartisan Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, appointed by President Obama, echo the ideas included in the [jobs bill proposed by U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney \(FL-16\)](#) in October. Rooney said he hopes the council’s recommendations – which, like Rooney’s bill, include tax reform, regulatory relief, and expanded energy production – will persuade the President to work with House Republicans on bipartisan jobs legislation.

“I didn’t need a Presidential council to tell me that if we’re going to help Americans get back to work, then we need to fix the tax code, get rid of job-destroying regulations, and produce more energy here at home,” Rooney said. “Will President Obama listen to these recommendations and work with us to help small businesses create jobs, or will he ignore this council – like he ignored his debt commission – and continue pushing the failed stimulus approach?”

“The House of Representatives has passed [almost 30 bipartisan jobs bills](#) along the lines of what this jobs council has proposed, but they’ve been blocked by the Democratic Senate. I urge President Obama to listen to the job creation experts, call on Senate leaders to take up these important bills, and help put Americans back to work right away.”

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