

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement after President Obama rejected construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, which would have created at least 20,000 American jobs in the short-term and more than 100,000 jobs in the long-term, while providing a new energy resource and enhancing America’s national security.

“Today, President Obama said ‘No’ to more jobs, new energy resources, and stronger national security,” Rooney said. “The American people are rightfully fed up with the President’s political posturing and his transparent willingness to put his own reelection bid ahead of American jobs and American security.

“Blocking the Keystone Pipeline will not only cost our country tens of thousands of jobs we desperately need, it also poses [serious national security consequences](#) . The President’s decision will make us more energy dependent on countries that wish us harm, while giving China access to a new energy source from our ally, Canada.”

In November Rooney, who sits on the House Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, led fellow House Members in writing [a letter to President Obama](#) urging him to consider the national security implications of blocking the Keystone XL Pipeline.

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