

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following comments after President Obama delivered his State of the Union address:

***Same failed partisanship . . .***

“Tonight, President Obama had the opportunity to put forward new ideas and find common ground to help get Americans back to work and solve our debt crisis, but instead he delivered a campaign speech designed to divide the American people and pit some groups of Americans against others – what a shame. Anyone who expected more than a campaign speech aimed at the President’s liberal base must be sorely disappointed.”

***Same failed jobs plan . . .***

“The President talks about building an economy that works for everyone, but he’s pushing the same tired policies that have produced an Obama economy that doesn’t work for *anyone*. President Obama rehashed the same failed stimulus policies that brought us three years of unemployment above eight percent. He refuses to listen to [his own jobs council](#), which has endorsed the ideas that are in [my jobs bill](#) and the nearly 30 [bipartisan jobs bills](#) that have passed the House and are stuck in the Senate.

“Just last week, President Obama rejected the Keystone pipeline and [killed the dream of a new job for tens of thousands of unemployed Americans](#). Actions speak louder than words, and this President’s actions have left him with zero credibility when he talks about jobs.”

***Same failed tax and spend budgeting . . .***

“President Obama promised to cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term, but instead he’s nearly doubled it, while increasing the national debt by more than \$4.6 trillion. Instead of putting forward a concrete, credible plan to address our debt crisis, he continues to call for the failed formula of more taxes, more borrowing, and more spending.”

***Same failed energy plan . . .***

“Gas prices have doubled since President Obama took office, and I agree that we need an all-of-the-above, American energy solution. However, his calls for energy independence ring hollow. The President rejected the [Keystone Pipeline](#), but is content to continue throwing away millions of taxpayer dollars on projects like the Solyndra Pipedream.”

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