Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement after food distributor Cheney Brothers Inc. announced it would begin construction in 2012-13 on a 250,000-square-feet distribution center in Charlotte County. The $30 million project will bring 380 jobs to Punta Gorda.

“Cheney Brothers’ expansion into Charlotte County will boost our local economy and bring hundreds of permanent, private sector jobs,” Rooney said. “This is exactly the kind of investment we need to get our economy moving and help put Floridians back to work.

“Florida and Charlotte County have set the stage for economic growth and job creation by restoring an environment where the private sector can grow and add new jobs. The federal government should take a page from this pro-growth, pro-jobs playbook.”

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