

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement on the Department of Labor’s February unemployment report:

“America’s job creators and our workforce deserve tremendous credit for the job gains they produced last month, even in the face of obstacles from Washington like a broken tax code, a deluge of costly regulations, and record-high gas prices, which have made economic growth and job creation significantly more difficult. Despite the gains of the last few months, far too many Americans are still out of work, with the the real unemployment rate at approximately 15 percent.

“ [My jobs plan](#) would help our job creators put Americans back to work by reforming the tax code, reducing job-destroying regulations, and expanding American energy production. My plan would help create jobs right away while giving some relief to Floridians who are suffering under higher costs of living due to the Administration’s anti-energy policies, which have resulted in gas prices near \$4 per gallon in Florida.”

“The House has passed [dozens of jobs bills](#) that would help the private sector grow and create jobs. Just yesterday, we passed a bipartisan package that would help small businesses and startups get the capital they need to expand and hire new workers. I hope Senate Democrats will stop dragging their feet and take action to help get Americans back to work.”

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