

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today voted in favor of H.R. 5, which would reduce health care costs through medical liability reform and repeal the health care rationing board, known as the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), created by Obamacare.

“When I talk to doctors in Florida, the number one thing they tell me we need to do to help patients and bring down costs is to cut down on junk lawsuits,” Rooney said. “The current system may be great for trial lawyers, but it’s terrible for patients and doctors. By passing medical liability reform, we can make health care more affordable for American families while saving billions of dollars in wasteful spending on junk lawsuits and defensive medicine.

“Our efforts to make health care more affordable by empowering patients and bringing down costs stand in sharp contrast to the rationing board created by Obamacare, which gave an unelected, unaccountable group of bureaucrats the power to deny American patients the care they need.

“Ending this European-style rationing board and cutting down on junk lawsuits are critical steps toward repealing Obamacare and replacing it with proposals that will actually make health care more affordable.”

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