

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Tom Rooney (FL-17) issued the following statement after Governor Rick Scott met with Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to discuss costly state mandates in Obamacare:

“I applaud Governor Scott for taking a pro-active approach toward making quality health care more affordable for all Floridians. For Florida, Obamacare means more federal and state government spending, higher taxes, increased premiums and lower quality of care – we can't afford that.

“Recent estimates have shown that the Medicaid mandates alone in Obamacare would cost Florida's taxpayers an additional \$63.4 billion over 10 years. I know that Secretary Sebelius, as a former governor herself, understands that when the federal government passes costly mandates onto states, they can't just rack up debt like Washington has done – they have to either raise taxes or cut vital programs to balance their budgets.

“In Florida, our economy is growing and we're adding new jobs. We're moving in the right direction despite obstacles from Washington, but Obamacare will impose huge, unaffordable costs that will hurt our economy and destroy the jobs that are finally starting to return. I urge Secretary Sebelius to work with Florida and give us the flexibility we need to improve health care quality and expand access in a manner that is affordable for our taxpayers.”

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