

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Tom Rooney (FL-17) today issued the following statement following President Obama’s State of the Union Address and Senator Marco Rubio’s Address to the Nation:

“Tonight, we heard two very different visions for the direction of our country. Senator Rubio spoke about what the American people can achieve through free enterprise, limited government and greater freedom. President Obama listed what the federal government can do with higher taxes, more spending, more borrowing, and greater control over our everyday lives.

“Divided government should be a time where we can achieve big things, like tax reform under Reagan or welfare reform under Clinton, and President Obama had an opportunity to reach out and find areas where we can work together. Instead of seizing this opportunity, the President continued to focus on many of the same policies that have brought us persistently high unemployment, anemic economic growth, and record deficits and debt.

“After listening to President Obama deliver the same campaign-style speech we’ve heard so many times, Senator Rubio’s speech was refreshing. I was proud to hear a Florida Senator lay out in clear terms how an agenda of limited government and free enterprise can build a strong middle class and offer every individual, family and small business their greatest shot at achieving the American dream.”

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