Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement on the January jobs report released by the Department of Labor:

“Two years after the stimulus passed, unemployment remains near double digits, a monthly reminder of the broken promise that the spending spree would somehow keep unemployment below eight percent. In fact, the failed stimulus policies and record deficits over the last two years are putting a stranglehold on our economic recovery.

“Now, the President is requesting even more stimulus spending, and he is asking Congress to raise the federal debt limit without committing to critical spending cuts.

“The President still doesn’t get it. The federal government is not the answer, the American people are. We need to stop crowding out private sector growth with out-of-control federal spending. We need to reduce taxes permanently so that small businesses can grow and create jobs. We need to eliminate excessive regulations that hurt economic growth and destroy jobs. That is how you grow the economy and reduce unemployment.”

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