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## **Representative Tom Rooney Says No to More Cops for Florida**

Tuesday's announcement by the Obama Administration of \$1 billion to hire and rehire more police officers to keep Florida families safe would not have happened if Representative Tom Rooney had His way. Earlier this year, Rooney said no to the economic recovery package that is now being used to provide these new jobs for police officers and the added safety for Florida families that comes with them.

“Florida can now offer more jobs for police officers to keep families safe from violent criminals, no thanks to Representative Tom Rooney who tried to just say no,” said Ryan Rudominer, National Press Secretary for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. “At a time of steep budget cutbacks for police departments, the last thing Representative Rooney should 'just say no' to is keeping Florida's streets safe.”

### **Background**

- On Tuesday, the Obama Administration announced that it will give \$1 billion in grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and rehire police officers under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. [[CNN](#), 7/28/09]
- The grants will be awarded to 1,046 law enforcement agencies from all 50 states and will provide 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for 4,699 officers for three years. [[CNN](#), 7/28/09]
- Earlier this year, Representative Tom Rooney opposed the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act. [[Roll Call Vote](#), 2/13/2009]

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