



CONGRESSMAN RON KLEIN



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Klein Puts Florida Families First, Votes to Get Economy Back on Track

Washington, DC – *Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today joined a bipartisan majority of his colleagues in support of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. The legislation passed the U.S. House by a final vote of 263-171. It has already been passed by the Senate, and is expected to be signed into law by the President. After the vote, Klein released the following statement:*

“This legislation is a critical step towards stabilizing our financial system and getting our economy back on track. It is essential for our seniors and working families who rely on personal investments such as IRAs, 401K plans and individual pensions for their financial security, as well as everyone who depends on credit to purchase homes and cars and to invest in their small businesses and their children’s education.”

“Clearly, I am just as outraged as many of my constituents about the eight years of mismanagement and reckless conduct that have brought our economy to this point. Today’s bill ensures that those who got us into this mess will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We also made certain that the legislation included strong oversight to prevent this kind of crisis from ever happening again.

“This legislation is stronger than the first version we considered in the House because it includes even more tax relief for American families struggling to keep up with everyday bills in today’s difficult economy. It also includes tax credits to encourage the development of clean energy and end our national addiction to oil, which I strongly support.

“None of us wanted to be in this current economic situation, or to vote for a package of this kind, but we find ourselves at a time when inaction is unacceptable. I consulted with local experts and talked to many South Florida residents before this vote, and all advised me to study this bipartisan bill carefully, and then take responsible action. That is exactly what I have done today.”

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