



Klein Votes to Get South Florida Economy Moving Again

Washington, D.C. – After consulting with economic experts and business owners across South Florida, Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today voted with the majority of his colleagues to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1), an economic stimulus package that will get our economy moving again.

The legislation passed by the U.S. House today balances targeted spending to create jobs and revitalize the American economy with direct tax cuts to 95 percent of working Americans. The bill also contains unprecedented transparency and accountability to ensure every dollar of taxpayer money is spent wisely.

“This plan contains the right mix of tax cuts and targeted spending to get our South Florida economy moving again,” Klein said. “There is no silver bullet, and I don’t expect our economy to turn around overnight. But with today’s legislation, we have taken a critical first step towards creating jobs and rebuilding the long-term strength and viability of our economy.”

“I met with and listened carefully to expert economists from the Reagan Administration through the Clinton Administration,” Klein said. “They uniformly told us that the economy needs a bold stimulus plan which includes a combination of targeted spending and direct tax cuts. After thoughtfully considering their advice and that of business owners across South Florida, I voted to support a stimulus package that I believe is essential to our economic recovery.”

Since the economic stimulus plan began to take shape, Klein has consistently called for a bill which creates jobs in the short term and also provides long-term benefits to communities in South Florida. Today’s legislation accomplishes both goals by investing in tangible projects, including \$1.4 billion for highways and bridges in the state of Florida, \$285 million in transit capital and \$195 million in clean water projects statewide.

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