

(PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL)--- Congressman Allen West (R-FL) released this statement today:

"Today's job numbers are another constant reminder of the failed policies emanating from Washington, DC.

All Americans have been suffering under policies for the last three and half years, which has done little to put our economic "ship of state" on a course for economic growth.

From major corporations, to small businesses, to the mom and pop stores along Dixie and Federal Highway in South Florida, these groups have suffered under the federal policies that have involved a greater growth in government and the proliferation of federal regulations.

Some individuals will try to find a silver lining in these job numbers announced today; however, our county is immersed in dark economic clouds. An unemployment rate of more than 8.0 percent for 41 months is unacceptable.

Europe's debt crisis, retailers reporting sales below expectations and the anticipation of the largest tax increase in American history at the end of the year are all factors undermining confidence among large businesses, small businesses, and ordinary Americans.

Over the last three and half years, policies based on billion dollar stimulus spending, the government's takeover of the nation's health care system, federal funding for failed energy companies like Solyndra, and failing to fund projects like Keystone XL has continued to increase energy costs on average Americans.

Most Americans know a neighbor who has either faced becoming unemployed or has faced having their house foreclosed. Today's job numbers need to reinforce that the American People have the ability, in a Constitutional Republic, to change direction with an economic policy based on expanding opportunity, not increased dependence on the Federal Government."

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