Washington, DC (September 8, 2011) –Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) issued the following statement after President Obama addressed Congress about his latest jobs proposal:

"Creating jobs is priority number one, and the best way to accomplish that is by improving our long-term economic growth. If we focus on policies that help the United States innovate, compete and allow businesses of all sizes to get off the sidelines, the jobs will come and our economy will again flourish. While I appreciate the President coming to Congress tonight, we need long-term solutions, not another round of short-term stimulus that has proven ineffective.

"Time and again, job creators in the Tampa Bay area tell me that one key to improving the economy is more certainty. Reducing unnecessary red tape, repealing and replacing the federal health care overhaul, and simplifying the tax code are a few steps that would help provide the confidence that job creators need to drive this economy forward."