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WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Vern Buchanan, responding to a Labor Department report today that the nation's unemployment rate remains unacceptably high, said Congress and the President need to work together to enact pro-growth policies.

"Today's job numbers are simply unacceptable," said Buchanan. "As we fight to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, the American people want to see the President and Congress work together and enact policies that grow the economy and create jobs."

"As a businessman before coming to Congress, I know what it means to hire new workers, balance budgets, and exercise fiscal discipline," said Buchanan. "I have seen firsthand that the government does not create jobs, the private sector creates jobs - small business creates jobs. Now, more than ever, we need to revitalize the entrepreneurial spirit that inspired a Steve Jobs to change the world."

The Department of Labor released a report showing a nine percent unemployment rate in October – the 33rd consecutive month where unemployment surpassed eight percent. Buchanan is a 30-year businessman and Florida's only member of the powerful Ways & Means Committee.