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## **Rokita Statement on January Unemployment Report**

Washington, DC – Today Rep. Todd Rokita responded to the January unemployment report:

*“On the surface the January unemployment report contained reason to be optimistic. There was a net gain of 243,000 jobs. That is good news, but a lot of work remains to be done. The economy is still sluggish, and digging deeper into the labor report makes clear that the economic policies of the Obama administration continue to fail. The labor report shows that the labor force participation rate fell to 63.7 percent in January to a 30-year low. With unemployment now above 8 percent for 36 consecutive months, it is clear that the nation remains in the midst of the weakest recovery since the Great Depression.*

*Growing government and taking more money out of the pockets of hard-working Americans, as President Obama has done the last three years, is not the answer to our nation’s economic woes. A marginally improving unemployment rate may make the President feel better about his chances for re-election, but it does nothing for millions of unemployed Americans desperately in need of a job.*

*Spending is what government directly controls and must address. By making serious spending cuts we will avert a fiscal disaster and help get government out of the way. This will restore certainty to the economy, put more money in the pockets of Americans, and allow the economy to grow.”*

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