

## Mahoney Statement on Labor Department's August Jobless Rate Report

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"The fundamentals of our economy continue to deteriorate under this administration. Unemployment and inflation are on the rise, home values are falling rapidly, and gas prices are through the roof. Our families and seniors are more worried than ever about their future. Now is the time to stand up and show real leadership before our crisis grows and we reach the level of a major recession. We need a comprehensive energy bill that will stimulate the economy by lowering fuel costs, checking inflation and stimulating domestic investment-all of which will create jobs-and as Congress returns to session, I will fight to make a second bipartisan economic stimulus package the number one priority so we can help Floridians and all Americans through these difficult times."

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