WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today after the Department of Labor announced the loss of 36,000 jobs in the month of February:

"The economic policies of President Obama and Speaker Pelosi have failed. It has been a year since Democrats in Washington said they would keep unemployment below 8 percent by passing a nearly $800 billion stimulus bill. Yet today unemployment hovers around 10%, 36,000 jobs were lost last month and more than 7.5 million jobs have been lost since Democrats took control of Congress three years ago.

"Today's jobs report confirms once again that the so-called stimulus has failed. The American people know we cannot borrow, spend and bail our way back to a growing economy. It is time for the Democrat leaders to embrace a new direction for economic recovery-fiscal discipline in Washington and across the board tax relief for working families, small businesses and family farms."