U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement today after the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the nation's unemployment rate rose to 9.8% in November, the highest unemployment rate since April:

"The American people keep asking 'Where are the jobs?' but the only answer from the Obama Administration is more spending and more taxes. The economic policies of this Administration have failed and nearly 15 million Americans are still struggling to find work.

"Today's heartbreaking unemployment report should be yet another wake-up call to Democrats that raising taxes in the middle of the worst economy in 25 years is a mistake. Higher taxes on America's small businesses won't get anyone hired. I call on Washington Democrats to abandon their plan to raise taxes on small businesses and get America back to work."