



## **IN INDIANA, THE TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS BACK TO WORK ACT WILL PROVIDE \$629.3 MILLION IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT UP TO 9,100 EDUCATOR JOBS**

*The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will save or create nearly 400,000 education jobs through critical investments in the education of our nation's children. Specifically, The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will invest \$30 billion to support state and local efforts to retain, rehire, and hire early childhood, elementary, and secondary educators. The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will provide Indiana with an additional \$629.3 million in funds that will support 9,100 education jobs, provide a jolt to the state economy, and improve the quality of education. By asking millionaires to pay their fair share, The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will grow the Indiana economy without adding a dime to the deficit.*

**In Indiana, 6,600 Education Jobs Have Been Lost Since 2008.** Given Indiana's cuts to education programs, local school districts are forced to cut back on educational programs and services, often laying-off needed teachers and other critical staff, or raising additional revenue to cover the shortfall. As a result, Indiana schools have cut 6,600 education jobs since 2008. These unprecedented layoffs extended the recession and have slowed the recovery in Indiana. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/7/11](#); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed on [10/14/11](#)]

**Democrats Helped Indiana Avoid an Even Worse Situation, Preventing Thousands of Potential Layoffs.** Without Democratic intervention in 2010, Indiana school districts would have been forced to lay off as many as 5,000 teachers. Recognizing the financial difficulty that many state and local governments were experiencing, Democrats shepherded the bipartisan Education Jobs Act into law, thereby protecting 3,600 education jobs in Indiana. Unfortunately, thousands of teacher jobs are still at stake today. [U.S. Department of Education analysis, [8/6/10](#); National Education Association, [5/10](#)]