



IN MARYLAND, THE TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS BACK TO WORK ACT WILL PROVIDE \$541.7 MILLION IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT UP TO 6,000 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. Facing a \$1.1 billion projected budget shortfall in 2013, cuts to state and local spending on education will place thousands of Maryland teacher jobs at risk. The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will provide Maryland with an additional \$541.7 million in funds that will support 6,000 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 Maryland economy without adding a dime to the deficit.

In Maryland, 6,300 Education Jobs Have Been Lost Since 2008. As a result of the most severe fiscal crisis since the Great Depression, Maryland faced a budget shortfall of \$1.4 billion in 2012, a staggering 9.5% of the state's General Fund. As a result, Maryland schools have cut 6,300 education jobs since 2008. These unprecedented layoffs extended the recession and have slowed the recovery in Maryland. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/17/11](#); Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/7/11](#); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed on [10/14/11](#)]

With Fewer Teachers and Resources, Maryland School Systems Make Choices That Impact the Learning Environment for Students. "Maryland cut funding for a school breakfast pilot program, professional development for principals and educators, health clinics, gifted and talented summer centers, and math and science initiatives." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [2/9/11](#)]

Democrats Helped Maryland Avoid an Even Worse Situation, Preventing Thousands of Potential Layoffs. Recognizing the financial difficulty that many state and local governments were experiencing, Democrats shepherded the bipartisan Education Jobs Act into law, thereby protecting 2,500 education jobs in Maryland. Unfortunately, thousands of teacher jobs are still at stake today. [U.S. Department of Education analysis, [8/6/10](#); National Education Association, [5/10](#)]