



## **IN WEST VIRGINIA, THE TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS BACK TO WORK ACT WILL PROVIDE \$162.8 MILLION IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT UP TO 2,600 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 \$200 million projected budget shortfall in 2013, cuts to state and local spending on education will place thousands of West Virginia teacher jobs at risk. The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will provide West Virginia with an additional \$162.8 million in funds that will support 2,600 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 West Virginia economy without adding a dime to the deficit.*

**Democrats Helped West Virginia Avoid an Even Worse Situation, Preventing Hundreds of Potential Layoffs.** Without Democratic intervention in 2010, West Virginia school districts would have been forced to lay off as many as 220 teachers. Recognizing the financial difficulty that many state and local governments were experiencing, Democrats shepherded the bipartisan Education Jobs Act into law, thereby protecting 1,100 education jobs in West Virginia. Unfortunately, teacher jobs are still at stake today. [U.S. Department of Education analysis, [8/6/10](#); National Education Association, [5/10](#)]