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Congressman Rubén Hinojosa Supports Saving and Creating Jobs for American Teachers, Firefighters, Police Officers, Nurses, and in Private Sector

Texas District 15 Schools Gain Most in the State

K-12 schools to receive an estimated \$52.6 million and 937 teaching jobs expected to be saved and or created.

President Obama Expected to Sign Bill Today – Money to Go Out to States within 45 Days

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced the passage of the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act that will save and create almost 320,000 jobs – including saving the jobs of 160,000 teachers and preventing the layoffs of tens of thousands of police officers, firefighters, and nurses. The House reconvened this week to take up this emergency aid to help states keep teachers in our classrooms and first responders on duty. The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act is not only completely paid for, it reduces the deficit by \$1.4 billion over 10 years—in part by closing a loophole that actually encourages corporations to ship American jobs overseas.

“Many local communities in Texas are being forced to choose between important public services – like keeping teachers in the classrooms or keeping police officers on the beat in our neighborhoods,” said Rep. Hinojosa. **“In the state of Texas thousands of teachers and first responders will be able to keep their jobs, which translates to a better education for our children and maintaining our public safety standards”.**

The legislation provides \$10 billion in funding to save more than 160,000 teacher jobs. It also provides \$16.1 billion in health assistance to the states that, by reducing shortfalls and stimulating the economy, will save and create 158,000 jobs, including preventing the layoffs of police officers and firefighters, as well as creating private-sector jobs throughout our economy.

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According to the National Education Association (NEA) estimates (see attachment); **Congressman Hinojosa’s District 15 schools K-12 will receive an estimated \$52.6 million and 937 teaching jobs are expected to be saved and or created.** The state of Texas estimates are: \$830.8 million and 14,500 teaching jobs.

“I stand with American teachers, firefighters and middle class families,” said Rep. Hinojosa. “I know when we find a fiscally responsible solution-that also keeps jobs here at home; we are working for a better America for all of our residents”.

The funding in the bill is supported by a majority of the nation’s Governors, including many Republican Governors, and by numerous organizations, including the bipartisan National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Counties and the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations.

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