

## **TALKING POINTS: HB 11, the Denial of Education Act**

**Education helps undocumented students contribute to North Carolina.** Education is about wanting to improve yourself and make a contribution to the place you call home. What's more American than that?

**Undocumented students pay more than their fair share.** The per-student cost for community college in North Carolina is about \$5,500 every year. Undocumented students pay out-of-state tuition, which is typically \$8,000-\$10,000 per year. This subsidizes education for other students, making tuition less expensive for them. It also shows how much these undocumented students want to be educated and contribute to North Carolina – they're willing to pay far more to do so.

**The DREAM Act shows what undocumented youth are fighting for: to make a contribution.** Undocumented young people support DREAM because education and serving one's country in the military should be an opportunity to earn your way to your goal. All they want is a chance to contribute to society.

**Denying people education takes North Carolina backward, not forward to the future.** We want a world that gives everyone a chance to contribute. If someone can't educate themselves and help lift their community up, we risk creating a permanent underclass. This benefits no one.

**Education for these students benefits everyone.** A more educated society is better for business owners who have an educated workforce, for entrepreneurs who want to take society in new directions, and for people who know that education improves public safety in all communities.