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*Congressman Becerra visits with Sacred Heart of Jesus High School students to discuss congressional action following September 11.*



**Congressman Xavier Becerra**

**Standing Strong  
on our Values:**

**America's  
Response  
To  
Terrorism**

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## Congressman Xavier Becerra's Survey on the Impact of Terrorist Attacks

**Congress has and will continue to take measures to respond to the terrorist attacks on September 11. Please let me know what you think by filling out this survey card and mailing it back today.**

- 1) How personally worried are you that you or someone close to you may be affected by a terrorist attack?  
 Very  Fairly  Only Slightly  Not Really
- 2) How much confidence do you have in security at our airports, train stations, and power plants?  
 Great Deal  Fair Amount  Some  Very Little
- 3) Would you be willing to pay a per ticket surcharge of less than \$5.00 on airline fares in order to help fund increased airport security measures (e.g. air marshals on planes, upgraded screening of all luggage and passengers)?  
 Yes  No
- 4) With the economy falling into recession, do you believe unemployment benefits should be expanded or extended for workers who lose their jobs?  
 Yes  No
- 5) Do you support the government using money from the Social Security and Medicare trust funds to help pay for costs associated with:
  - a) anti-terrorism efforts, including the military campaign in Afghanistan?  
 Yes  No
  - b) efforts to stimulate the economy?  
 Yes  No
- 6) Do you believe the government should temporarily help workers who recently lost their jobs so that they do not lose their health insurance?  
 Yes  No

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**“This is a time for us to stand together, and it is also a time for us to stand strong — for our values and beliefs.” — Congressman Xavier Becerra**



Dear Neighbor,

As the year began, the world celebrated the dawn of a new century. As 2001 closes, nations and people around the world have united to defend freedom and pursue justice against the horrific attacks committed on American soil. The attacks of September 11 have changed our lives forever.

I stood at “Ground Zero” with my congressional colleagues from New York. I joined President Bush, members of Congress, and thousands of Americans at a tribute for those who perished at the Pentagon. And in my own community of Eagle Rock, I attended the memorial service for Ruben Ornedo, who perished on Flight 77. So much devastation. So many families torn apart by these barbarous acts of cruelty.

Here at home I have been listening to the needs and feelings of our community. Outreaching nonstop through our high schools, senior centers, community groups, and places of worship, I have gained a deeper understanding about what others are experiencing during this time. Our youth frequently ask questions about the military action in Afghanistan, while senior citizens quiz me on concerns about domestic security. Visiting with small business owners in areas like Hollywood, I hear how much the drop in tourism hurts. And law enforcement officers tell me how thin resources are stretched. But overall, I have learned that our community is resilient, strong, proud, and hopeful for the future.

Since that terrible day, we have experienced a time of national coming together with Congress and President Bush working together to address issues of national security, homeland protection, airline safety, and economic stimulus. This is a time for us to stand together, and it is also a time for us to stand strong — for our values and beliefs. Unity, vigorous debate, discourse, and dissent — all of these are hallmarks for our strong, prosperous democracy. Such actions and values working in concert with each other will ultimately help freedom prevail.

Sincerely,

Xavier Becerra  
Member of Congress

P.S. Please take the time to fill out and return the survey included in this newsletter and call my office for details about upcoming events and other outreach meetings.



*Congressman Becerra assesses the local economic impact brought on by the terrorist attacks through meetings with Hollywood business owners during his recent bus tour of the area's business and tourism district.*

## Congressman Becerra's Response to Terrorism

### 1. Authorizing the Use of Force (S.J. Res. 23) and Helping Rebuild (H.R. 2888)

Congressman Becerra voted to give authorization to President Bush to use "all necessary and appropriate force" to bring to justice those responsible for the September 11 terrorist attacks on our nation. Congressman Becerra is fully behind our courageous men and women in the military service. He also joined in a unanimous House and Senate vote to put forth \$40 billion towards victim assistance, rebuilding efforts for New York and the Pentagon, and prevention programs guarding against future domestic terrorist attacks.

### 2. Safety For the Flying Public (S. 1447 Conference Report)

Congressman Becerra voted in favor of recent airline safety legislation that requires federal airport screeners, maximizes checked baggage screening for explosives, and expands the air marshal program. In addition, the law mandates criminal background checks for individuals with access to secure areas and reinforcement of all cockpit doors.

### 3. Worker Relief and Economic Stimulus (H.R. 3090)

Congressman Becerra voted against the so-called economic stimulus package passed in the House of Representatives in October that would give away another \$159 billion in tax breaks over 10 years (causing us to raid the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds) to corporations and the wealthiest of individuals without providing meaningful assistance to those who have lost their jobs or significant incentives to boost consumer spending. 415,000 Americans lost their jobs in October alone and our economy is sinking into recession. Congressman Becerra voted for an alternative package that offered targeted and temporary business and individual tax cuts, and provided a meaningful relief package for laid-off workers. Additionally, at Congressman Becerra's invitation, Small Business Administrator Hector Barreto recently toured district sites highlighting relief efforts offered to small business owners suffering post September 11 downturns.

### 4. Combating Terrorism (H.R. 3162 Conference Report)

Congressman Becerra voted for anti-terrorism legislation to provide law enforcement agencies with additional tools to track down and bring to justice terrorists operating in the United States. The new law increases intelligence gathering capabilities consistent with 21st century technology, enables federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies to better share information, and improves money laundering laws to cut off funds that terrorists use to carry out their operations. Congressman Becerra will work to monitor the execution of these new law enforcement measures. The most extraordinary measures are only temporary and will expire in four years — Congressman Becerra fought for this sunset provision in the law.

### 5. Responding to Challenges Facing Aviation Industry (H.R. 2926)

Congressman Becerra supports efforts to help our ailing aviation industry as layoffs industry-wide already exceed 100,000. However, Congressman Becerra voted against the \$15 billion bailout legislation because it only helps the companies themselves — without safeguards or relief for the record number of Americans who are being laid off in the industry.

### 6. Stopping Discrimination (H.Con.Res. 227)

Congressman Becerra co-sponsored and voted for a resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, American Muslims, and Americans from South Asia.

### 7. Security Against Biological Attacks (H.R. 3255)

Congressman Becerra co-sponsored legislation to improve our nation's bioterrorism preparedness programs. The bill directs funds toward providing biological attack training to first responders, increasing the national stockpile of antibiotics and vaccines, protecting our water systems, improving inspections of imported food shipments, and implementing biometric scanning techniques at border checkpoints.

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