I understand the game being played in Jonathan Allen's article, " Xavier Becerra's blind ambition 'alienating' " (May 26, 2010), but I refuse to play along. Instead of accurately reporting on the Ways and Means Committee's transition process, Politico made itself the conduit for gossip and hearsay. There is little point responding to unattributed innuendo. I deeply respect my colleagues on the committee and we will continue to work together to make good policy for the American people. At the end of the day, it's good policy that makes for good politics.